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NARUTO

-ナルト-

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My cover image for this volume was inspired by the Nine-Tailed Fox Naruto that appears in the GameCube game, *Clash of Ninja*. They did such an awesome job with the presentation that I couldn't resist imitating it.

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2005*

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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NARUTO

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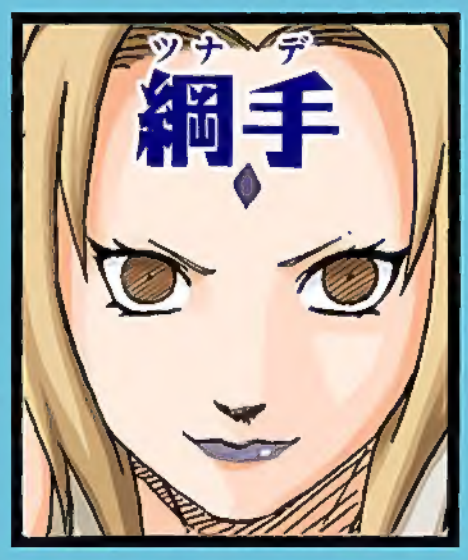
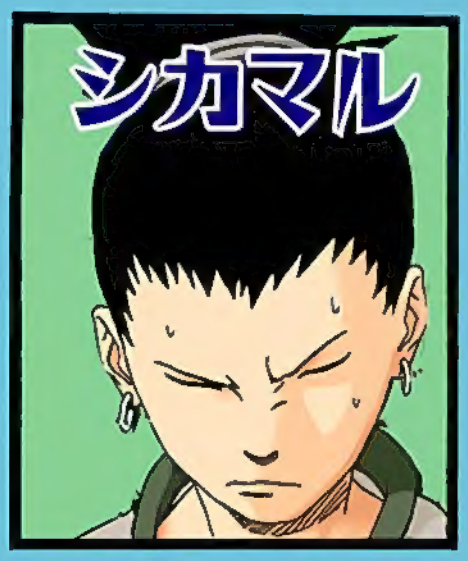
主な登場人物

春野サクラ

うちはサスケ

うずまきナルト





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CHIDORI VS. RASENGAN!!

NARUTO
-ナルト-

AND THAT'S WHY I... I HAD TO TEST IT...

WITH THE AID OF MY RASENGAN...

*KZZERK'S

...MY CLOSEST FRIEND.

IT'S NOT INSIGNI-FICANT. YOU'RE...

SASUKE...

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID TO ME.

*SHKKREEEEE

BA-
DOOM
*SPASH PASH PASH PASH
*SPASH PASH PASH PASH
*FLO OSH
*PLUP
*SWSSSSH

*SWSSSSH

ドドドドド

*SPOOSH

バシャ

SWURP

*SPAASSH

ARGH! AND I WAS AT FULL POWER, WHEN HE COUNTERED MY CHIDORI... AND HIS JUTSU..

HUF

HUF

ガバッ

NARUTO... SUCH A LOSER...

HUF

.....

HUF

HUF

BLUP

ゴポ...

BLOP BLOP

ゴポポッ...

THIS IS CRAZY...

CRAZY...

*PLOOSH
チャポッ・・・

NARUTO...

YOU DID MEAN IT.

I CAN'T DENY IT NOW...

I...

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I TRY TO PUT OUT MORE THAN TWO?

IF YOU TRY TO FORCIBLY INITIATE THE JUTSU...

NOT ONLY WILL THE JUTSU NOT WORK...IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU'LL DIE.

THE THIRD ONE WON'T START... AND LISTEN CAREFULLY!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR LIMIT IS TWO CHIDORI...

SPASH

ドドド

SASUKE...

YOU REALLY WOULDN'T THINK TWICE ABOUT KILLING ME...

THIS IS REALLY HAPPENING...

THIS IS FOR REAL...

*GRRR

ALL HIS ENERGY, ALL HIS MIND FOCUSED ON HOW TO KILL ME.

RIGHT NOW, THAT'S ALL HE CAN THINK ABOUT...

ズズ!
*ZWUR
ズズ..
*ZWUR

...THEY CAN READ EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS, THROUGH NO MORE THAN A TRADE OF BLOWS.

WHEN TWO SHINOBI ARE OF A HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL...

DID YOU KNOW, NARUTO ...

ズズ..
*ZWUR

SO TELL ME.

AH, NARUTO... NAIVE AS ALWAYS.

THEY DON'T NEED TO SAY A WORD.

FIRE STYLE! 火遁(かとん)!

*MMFF

ゴォォォ

HUFF

ボハー

……

DO YOU KNOW MY THOUGHTS? CAN YOU TELL ME...

...WHAT'S ON MY MIND?

*SHOOM

スゥッ

*SHUPP

ART OF THE PHOENIX FLOWER!!

*PWOOFF

!

WOOP

*KLUD

*SHW

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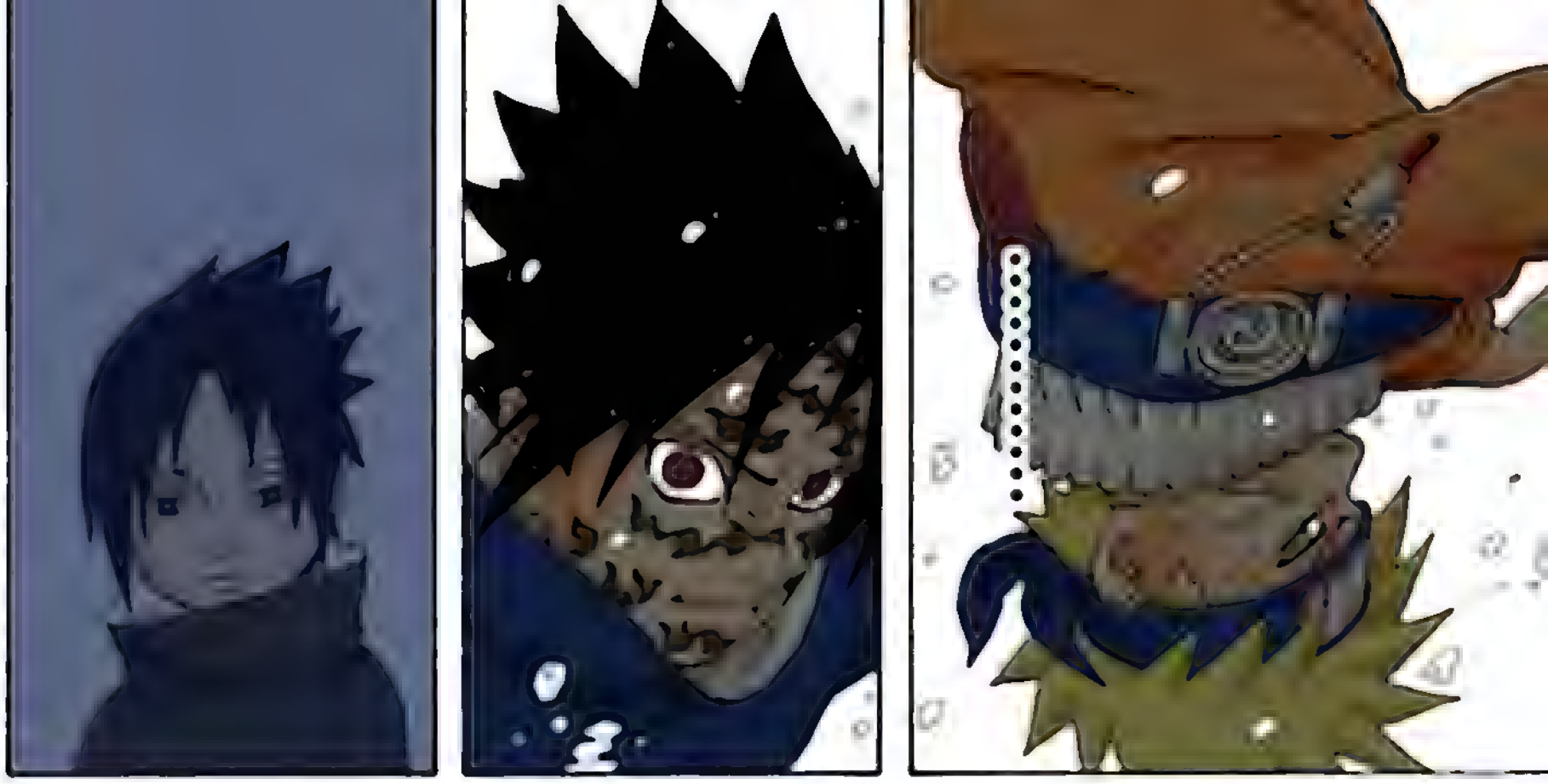


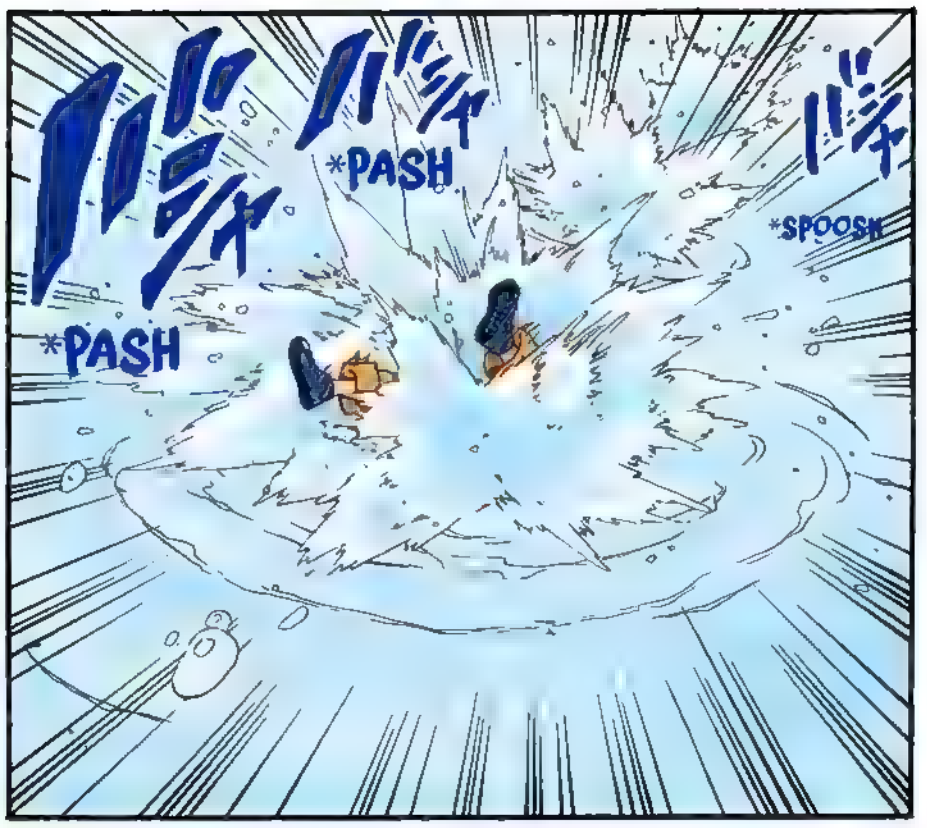
SASUKE... I KNEW YOU WERE ALWAYS ALONE.

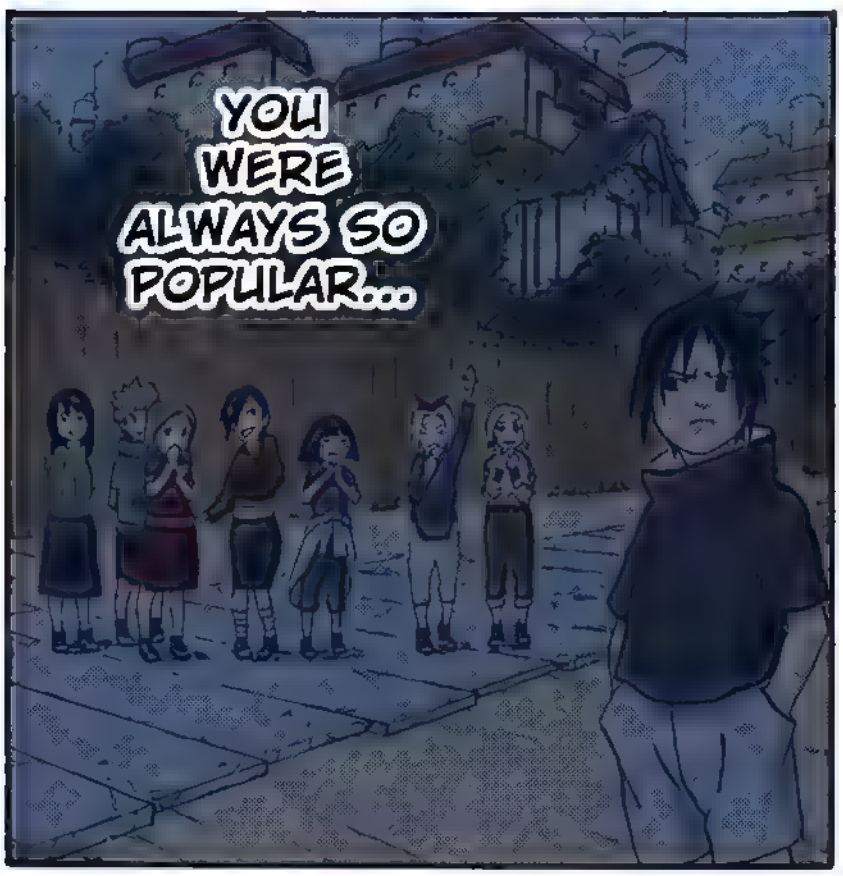
I... I USED TO BE GLAD I FOUND YOU, SOMEONE LIKE ME.

FROM FIRST GLANCE, I WANTED YO KNOW YOU...

I WAS... HAPPY.

BUT...
IT WASN'T
THAT
SIMPLE.


*PASH
*PASH
*SPOOSH


YOU
WERE
ALWAYS SO
POPULAR...

YOU
COULD
DO ANY-
THING
AWESOME!
スゲ
バチ
バチ
バチ

*SHAA

*SPASH
バチ

WE'RE DIFFERENT, YOU AND I...

*POW

THEN THEY THREW US TOGETHER IN CELL NUMBER SEVEN, AND NOTHING WAS CHANGED.

I HAD TO BEAT YOU... 'SPECIALLY, WHAT WITH EVERYONE CALLING ME A LOSER.

I WAS FRUS-TRATED AND I DECIDED YOU WERE MY RIVAL!

打倒

KICK SASUKE'S BUTT!!!

*PAKK

STUBBORN AS I WAS...

I NEVER LET ON WHAT I REALLY FELT.

TRUTH WAS, I JUST WANTED TO BE LIKE YOU.

YOU'RE ONE OF THE ONES I WANT TO FIGHT...

AND SO...

YOU WERE MY IDOL.

GRRR

ｸﾞｯｸﾞｯ..

YOU ACKNOW-LEDGED I WAS GOOD.

WITH THOSE WORDS, FOR THE FIRST TIME...

I WAS HEARING NEVER THAT... HAPPIER.

...MY CLOSEST FRIEND.

IT'S NOT INSIGNIFICANT. TO ME, YOU'RE...

MAYBE I WAS JUST DELUDING MYSELF, THAT WE'RE FRIENDS. MAYBE I WANTED IT TOO MUCH...

ズズズ

!

*GWUR

ズズズ

SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE ANYMORE. DID YOU EVER MEAN WHAT YOU SAID?

AND YET... HERE YOU ARE, INTENT ON KILLING ME.

NARUTO!

*SHAA

YOU'RE TOO LATE...

*SHLUKK

ドス…

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話：カカシの予感
228: KAKASHI'S PREMONITION

WHAT?!

ROOKIES? AFTER SASUKE?

TAK

.....

SIGH.

I HAD NO CHOICE. YOU KNOW HOW THINGS ARE.

ガクン SLUMP

I DID ALL I COULD TO GIVE THEM A DECENT CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

YEAH. WELL... I'LL BE BACK.

SHF

DON'T WORRY YOUR-SELF

*BA-DUN

YOU'VE ALREADY GOT YOUR NEXT MISSION.

NOW, HOLD ON!

SHF

S級

*SKFF.

.....

*SKFF.

KUCHIYOSE NO JUTSU! THE ART OF SUMMONING!

HMPH.

*B-TUM

*BONG

TK

SCATTER!

NOW!

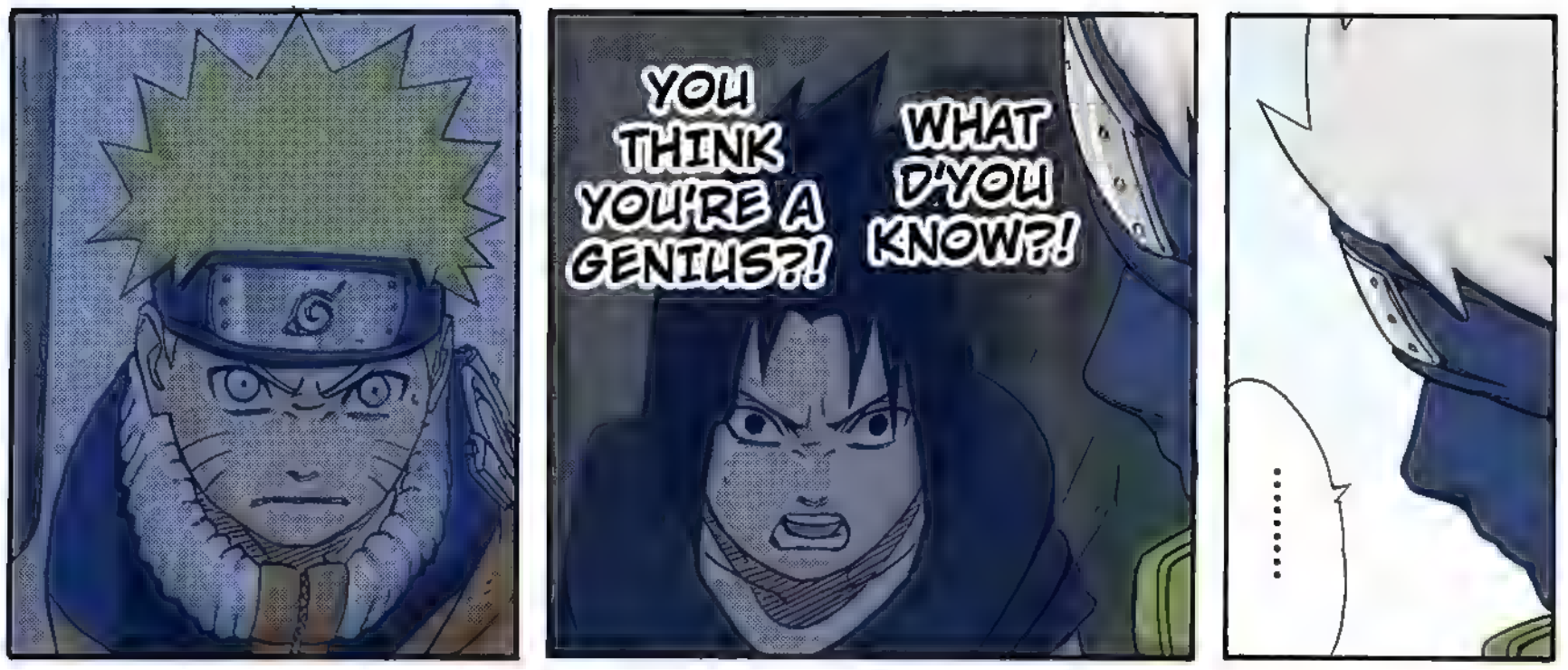
*FSSH

SCATTER, LIKE THE WIND LOCATE THE SCENTS OF NARUTO AND SASUKE.

THE MOMENT YOU'RE SURE YOU'VE TRACED THEM CALL OUT.

I'LL BE THERE...

WUFF! WUFF!


YOU THINK YOU'RE A GENIUS?!
WHAT D'YOU KNOW?!
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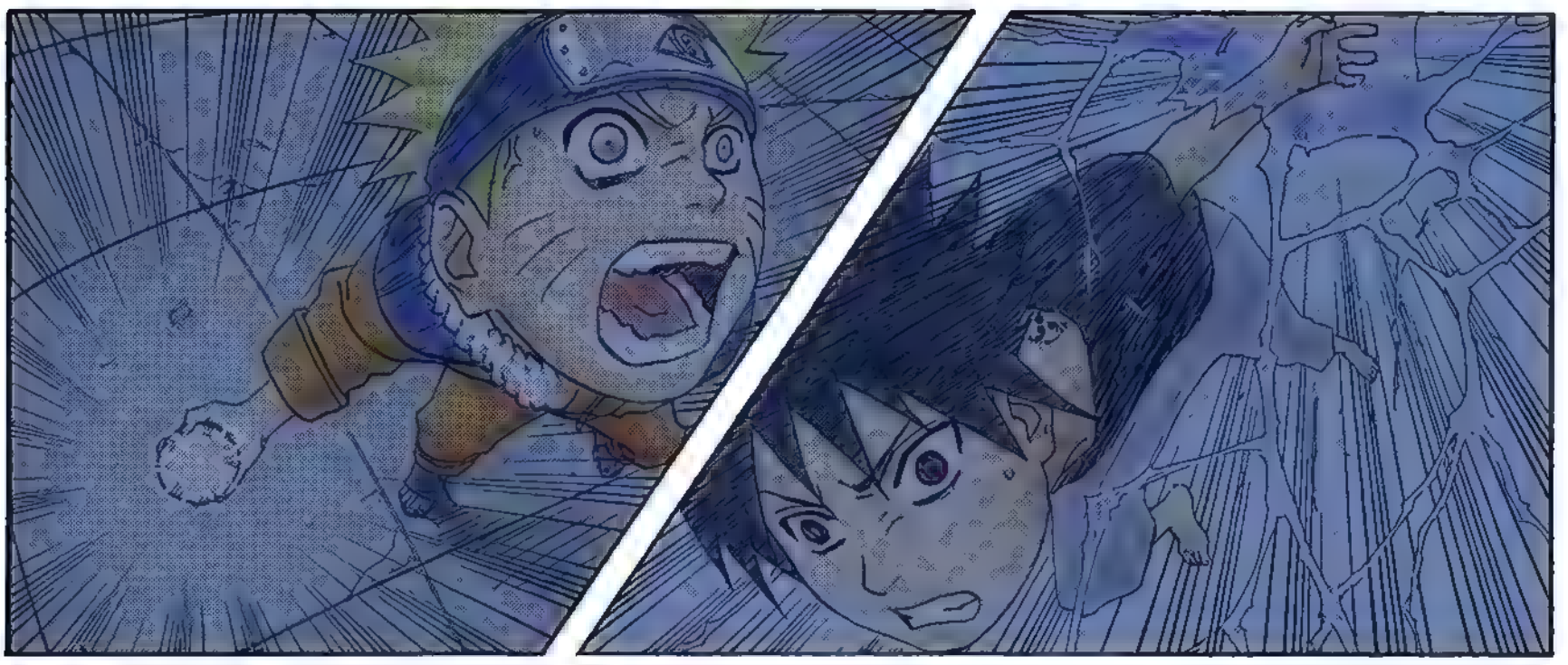


RIGHT ON.

WAOO-OOOH!

THEY... THEY REALLY COULD KILL EACH OTHER...
I WAS NAIVE.

PLEASE LET ME MAKE IT IN TIME!

*TUP

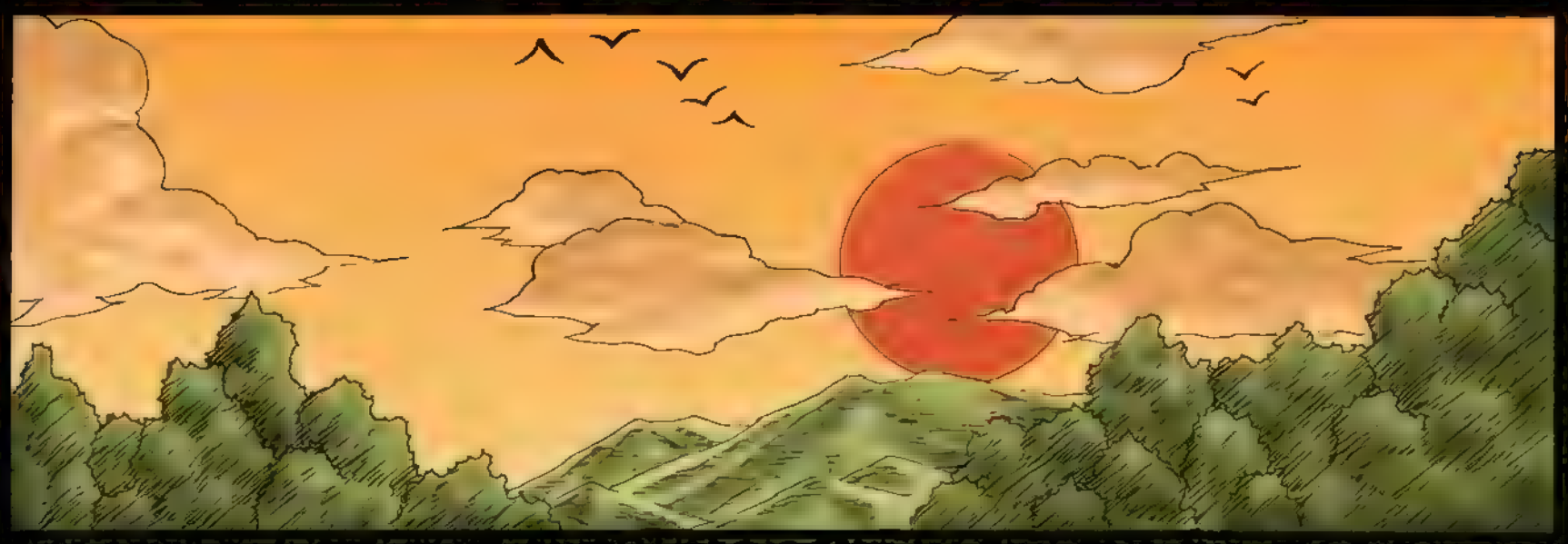
BUT THEN... THAT MAKES ME...

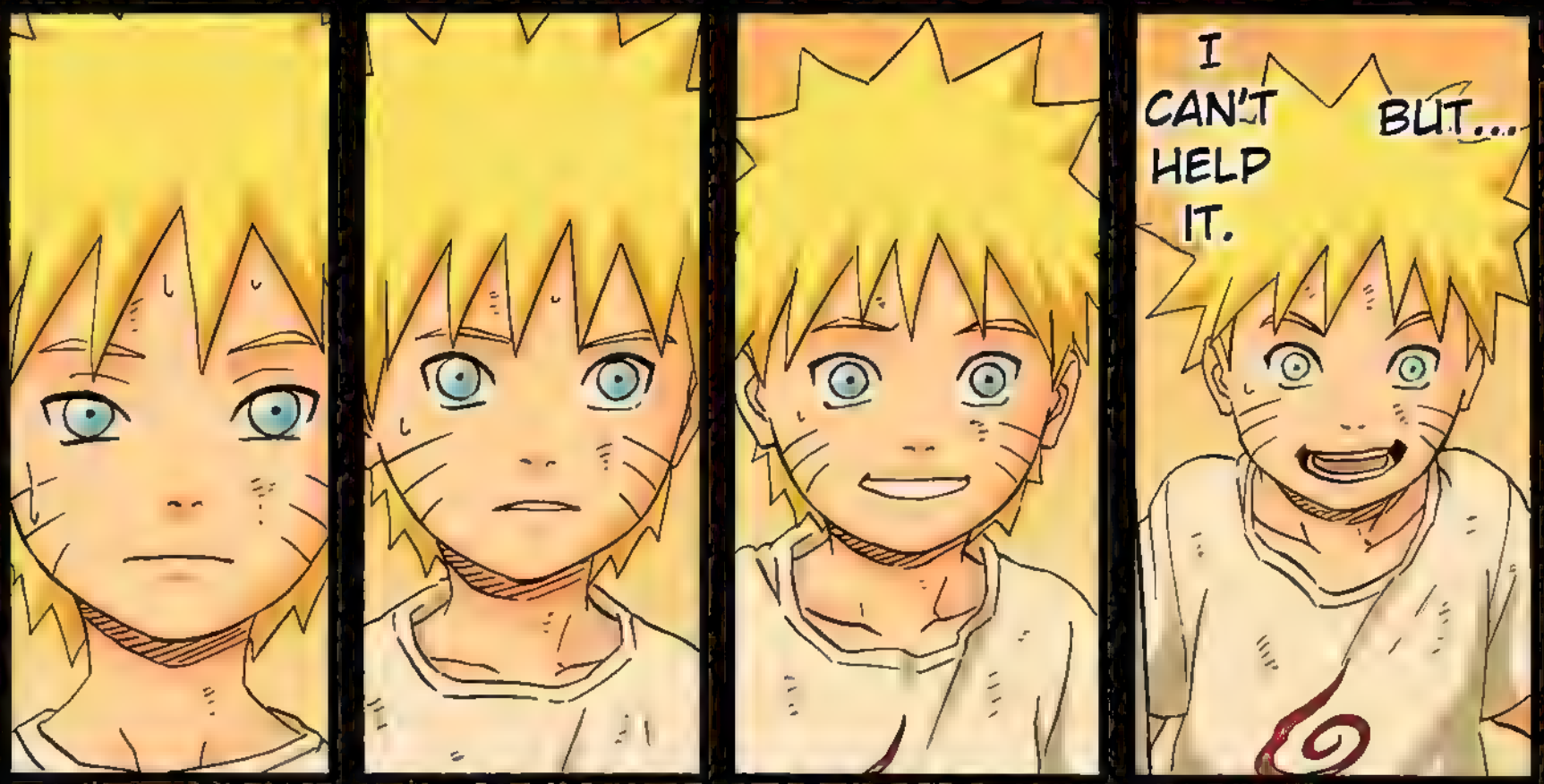
MAYBE IT WAS JUST WE WHO THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS...

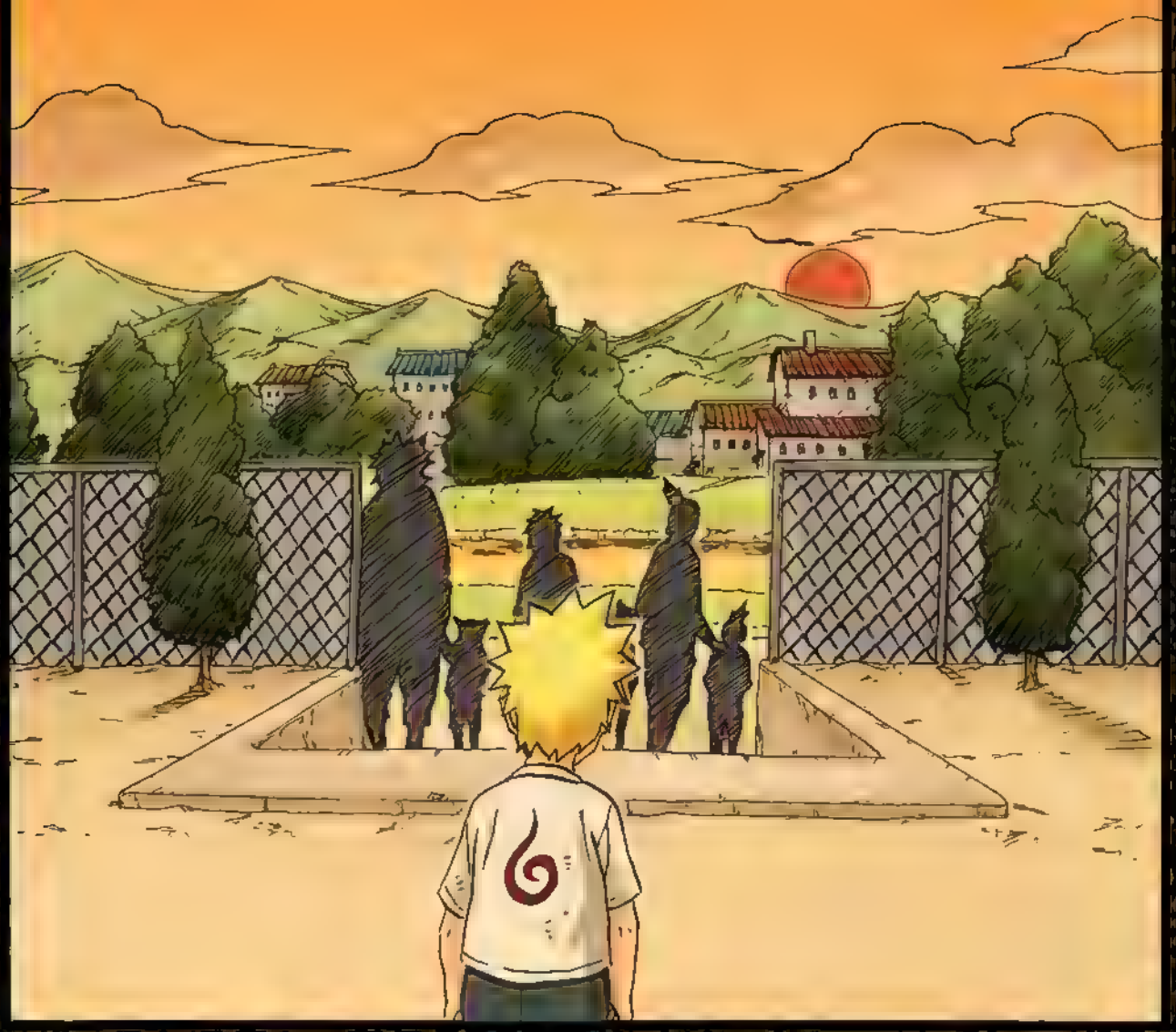
IN THE END...

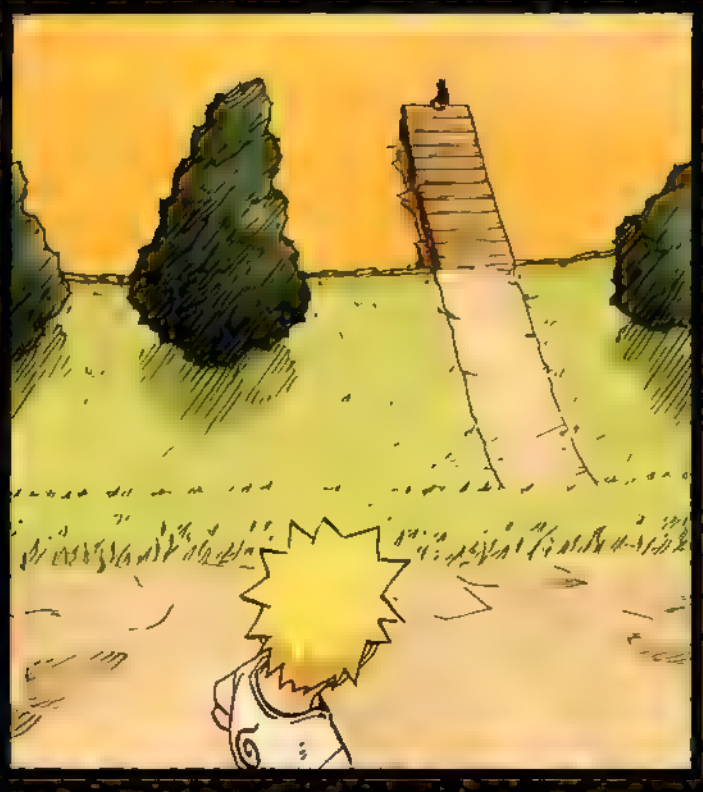
SASUKE.

THAT WOULD MAKE ME SO STUPID.




I CAN'T HELP IT.
BUT...





I DON'T KNOW WHY.

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I GUESS IT'S JUST...

TEP TEP

*SHUK

SWIP

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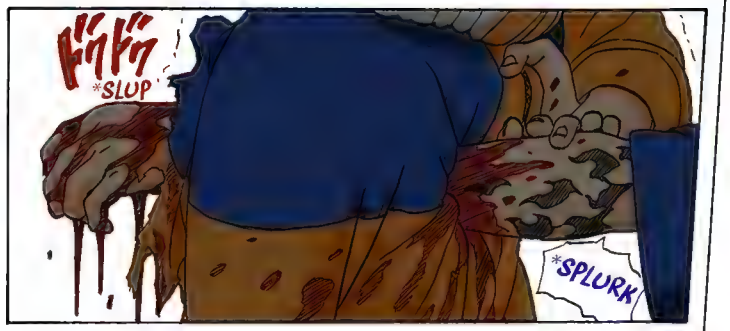
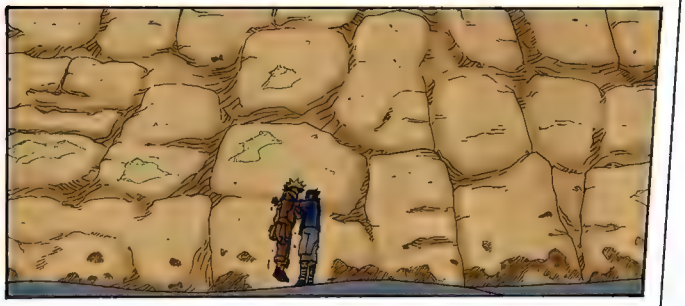
I DON'T WANT A THUG LIKE OROCHIMARU TO RUIN YOU...


*SLUP
*SPLURK

STILL. DIDN'T HELP MUCH, DID IT?
*SCHLUP
SO I MISSED YOUR HEART. NICE MOVE WITH YOUR HAND THERE.



*SCHLOP
YOU'RE STILL OUT A SHOULDER AND A LUNG
*FWIW
*MMGH

*SPLUK

*GLUP *GLUP *GLUP

FFFF FFFF FFFF

YOU CAN'T USE YOUR RIGHT ARM.

YOU CAN'T EVEN BREATHE PROPERLY.

FORGET ABOUT USING SIGNS OR YOUR JUTSU. THAT'S ALL OVER.

ガッ

*CHUP

……

LIKE ME, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYOU SHARINGAN.

BUT THERE'S A CATCH.

...YOUR CLOSEST FRIEND.

*SKRUNCH

YOU MUST KILL...

ゴキ!!

*SNAPP

IT'S DONE...

*MMF

NGAHH!!

KRAK

OOOMHSHW

UNGH...

SPASH

*PLISH

TWIK

THAT POWER... WHERE DID IT COME FROM?!

WHAT...?! RED CHAKRA?

*SLURSSSH

*TEP *TEP

HA HA

*SHUDDER

*GWURM

WHA... WHAT IN...

!!?

ウウウウ

*SLURSSH

ウウウウウン

*SLURSSS

ウ…ウ

*SSHH

ooooo

HIS WOUND... HOW CAN IT HEAL...
WHAT...

I'M GONNA BRING YOU HOME SAFE EVEN IF I HAVE TO BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY!!
SASUKE!
OROCHI-MARU CAN'T HAVE YOU!

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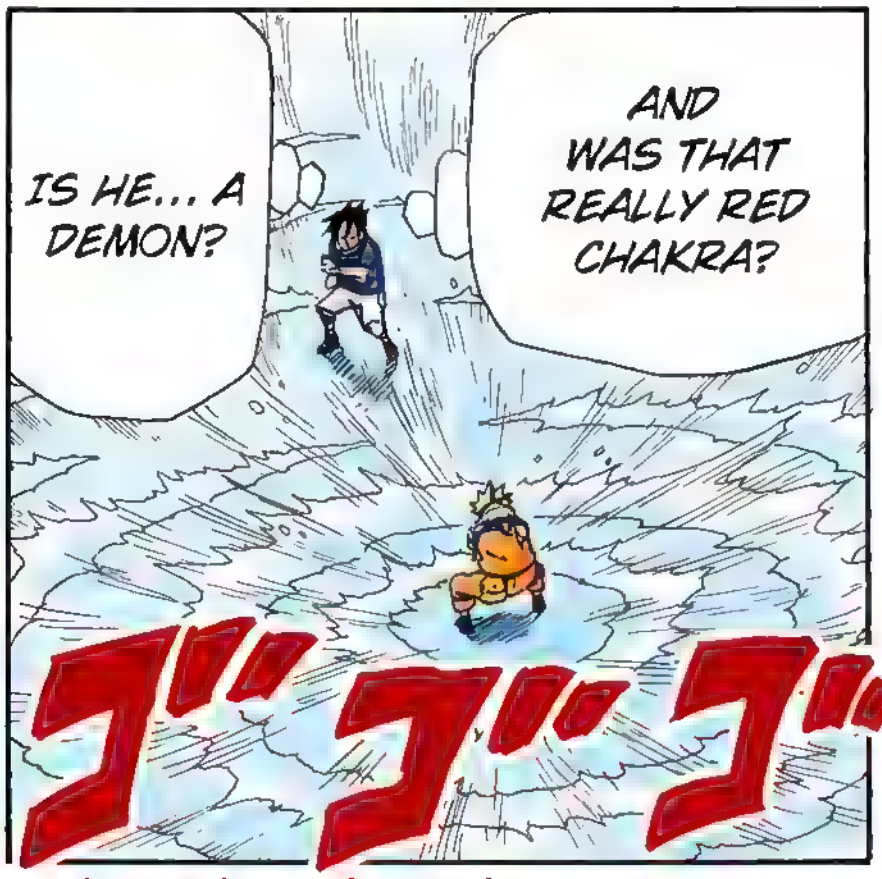

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YOUR FRIEND.

THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU...

...FILTH LIKE OROCHIMARU CAN'T HAVE YOU!

.....!

THOBB

AND THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA STOP YOU...

...EVEN IF I HAVE TO BREAK YOUR EVERY LIMB!!

!!

SHAAA

RAAAGH!!

*SKR

*AK

*WSSH

*SHAS

SH

!

SO HEAVY...

URGH...

*SPASHPASH

WSSH

*FWIP

*FWIP

THROB

FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!!

PWOOF

*FWUMM

GAHH!!

*SPOSSH

KWAHH!!

WHAT?! HE'S... SO FAST...

!!

NO WAY...

WITH JUST HIS CHAKRA?

*BUBBUBBUB

ヲ〃ボ〃ボッ..

*KAFUMP

FUMP

*FWOOSH

FIII

CREAK

FTT

*SKAKK

KI

*SPAKAK

IF YOU DON'T, I *WILL* CRUSH YOU...

AND WHEN YOU'RE MANGLED ENOUGH TO STOP, I'LL DRAG YOU HOME.

YOU HAVE TO WAKE UP!

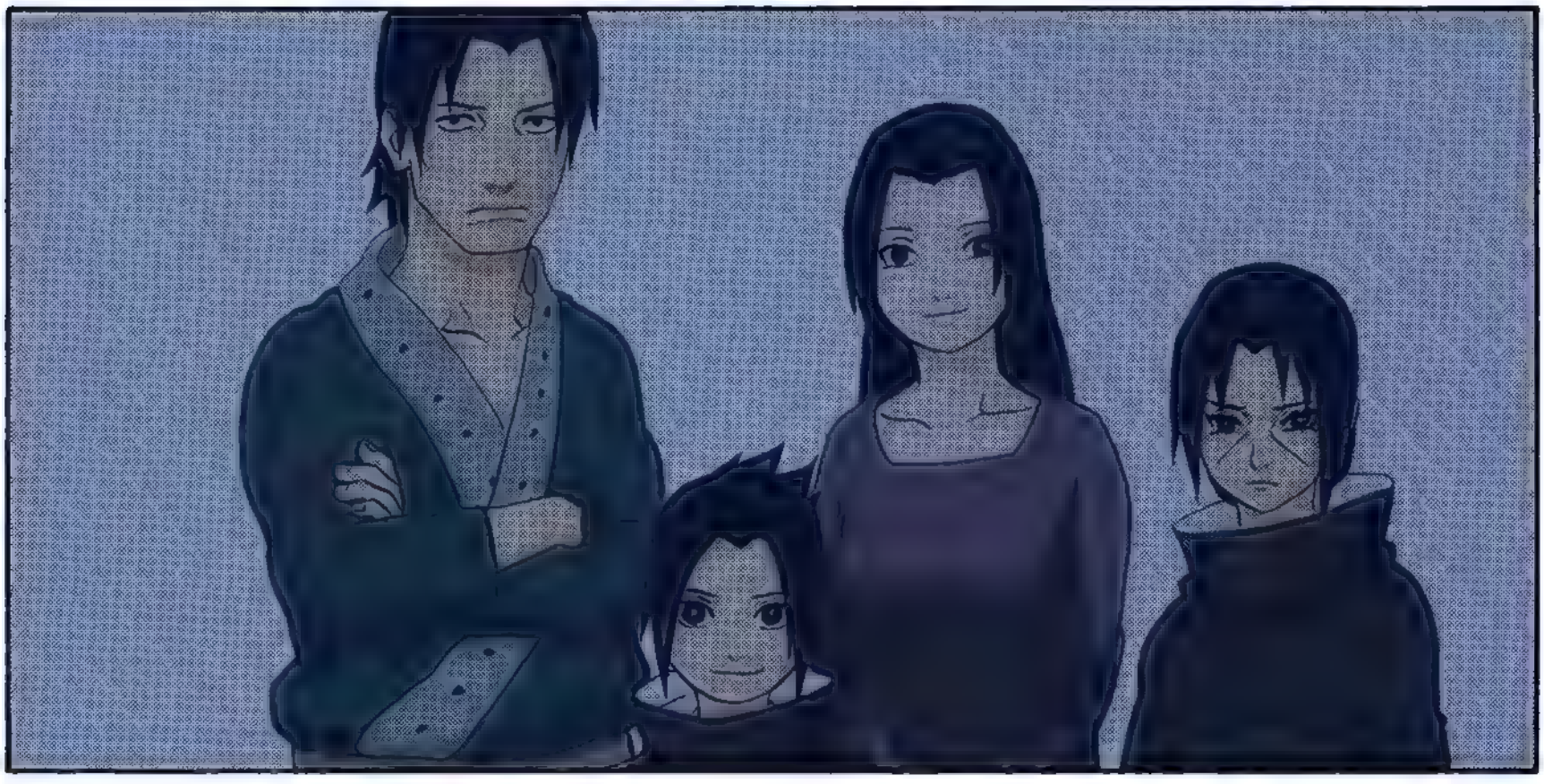
*PLIK *PLIK *PLIK

.....

.....!

HEH HEH...

HEH...



WHAT CAN YOU POSSIBLY KNOW ABOUT ME?

YOU'VE GOT NO PARENTS, NO BROTHERS ...

...!?

YOU CRACK ME UP...

.....

YOU WERE ALONE TO BEGIN WITH!!

WHAT CAN YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?!

HUNH ?!!

THIS PAIN IS BORN FROM MY FAMILY BONDS!

HOW COULD YOU EVER KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO *LOSE* ANYTHING!!

ドカ

ッ

UMK!

!!!!

*SKRRRT

*PUK *PUK

IT'S TRUE, I DON'T KNOW A THING...

...ABOUT HAVING BROTHERS, OR REAL PARENTS.

HUF HUF

HUF

.....

FINE. JUST DON'T GET CRAZY AND OVER-STUFF IT!

A SHINOBI'S GOTTA HAVE A FULL STOMACH!

BUT...

WHENEVER I'M WITH MASTER IRUKA, I KIND OF GET THE PICTURE

I THINK... NO, I IMAGINE...

HE'S KIND OF LIKE A FATHER.

.....

AND WHENEVER I'M WITH YOU...

.....

HAH! WHAT D'YA SAY TO THAT?!

HMPH!

YOU'LL NEVER BEAT ME!!

SAY WHAT YOU WANT...

YOU STUPID IDIOT!

YOU'RE THE IDIOT!

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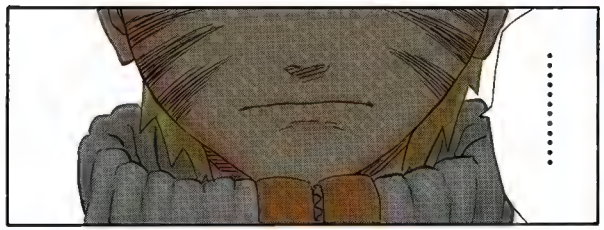
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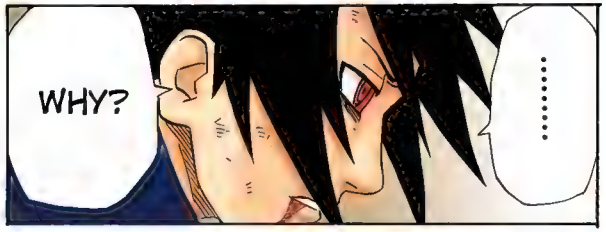
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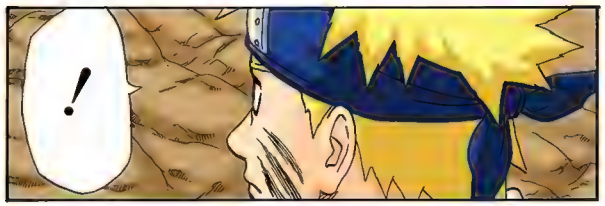
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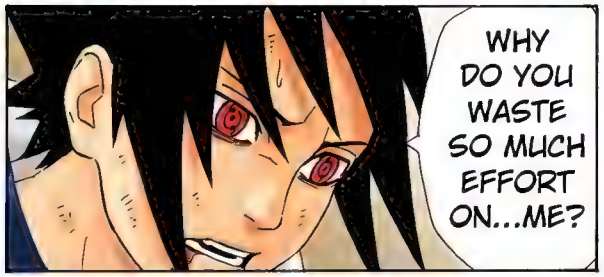
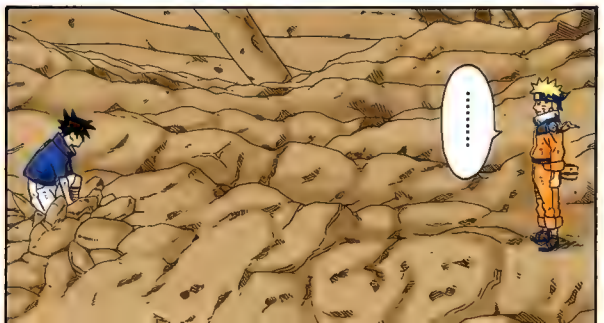

WHY DO YOU WASTE SO MUCH EFFORT ON...ME?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I IMAGINE... MAYBE THAT'S WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A BROTHER.

BECAUSE... FOR ME...

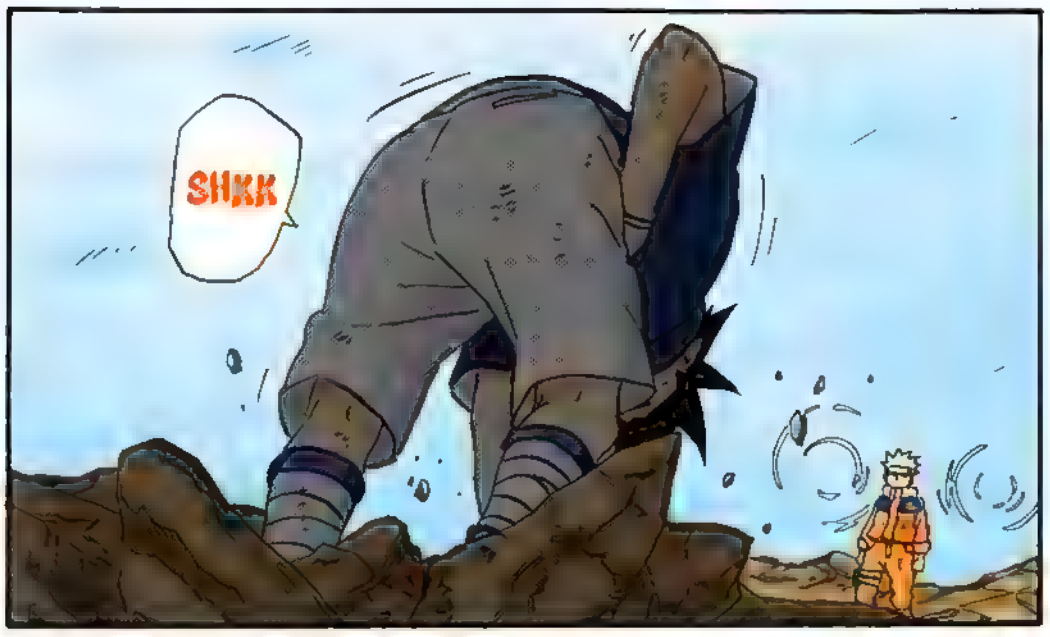
YOU WERE PART OF MY FAMILY.

.....

SO. THAT'S WHY...

I HAVE TO STOP YOU!

PEEK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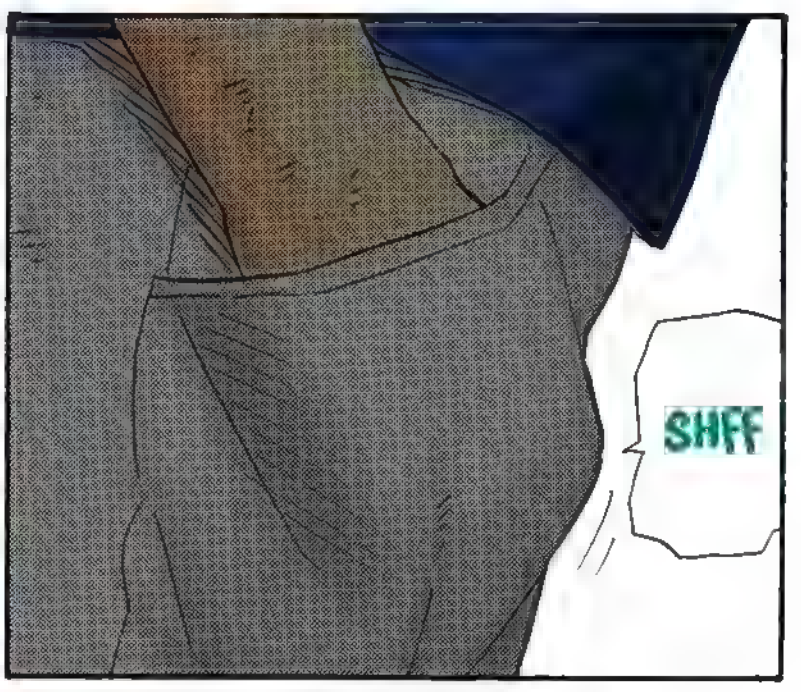
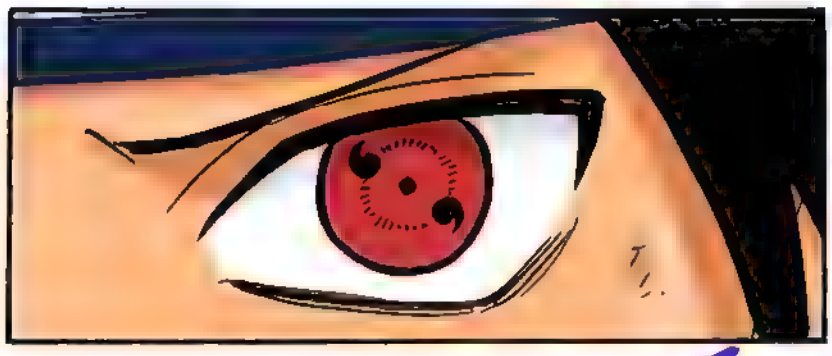
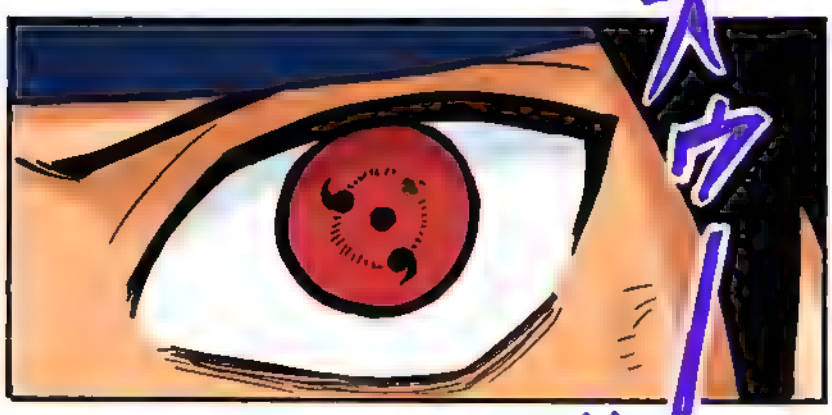

SHFF

*SKRUNK





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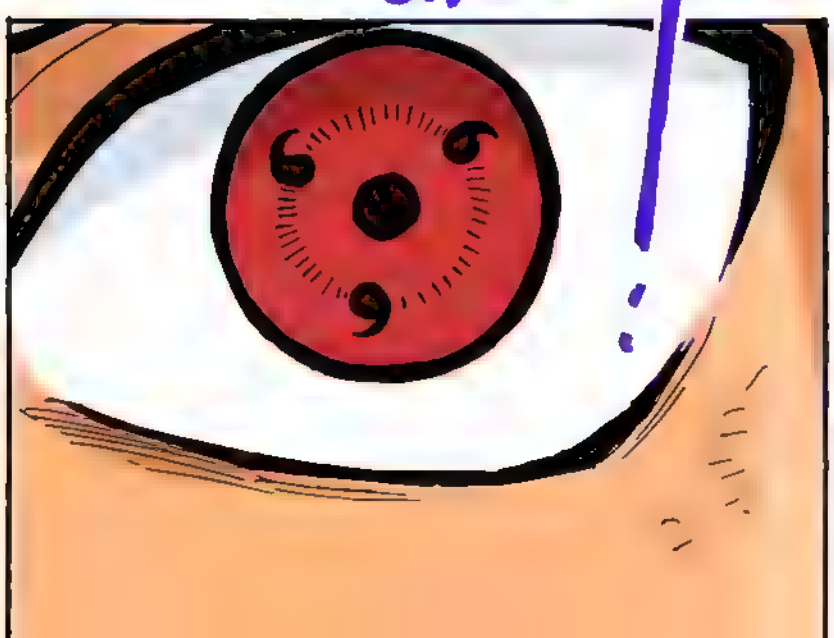
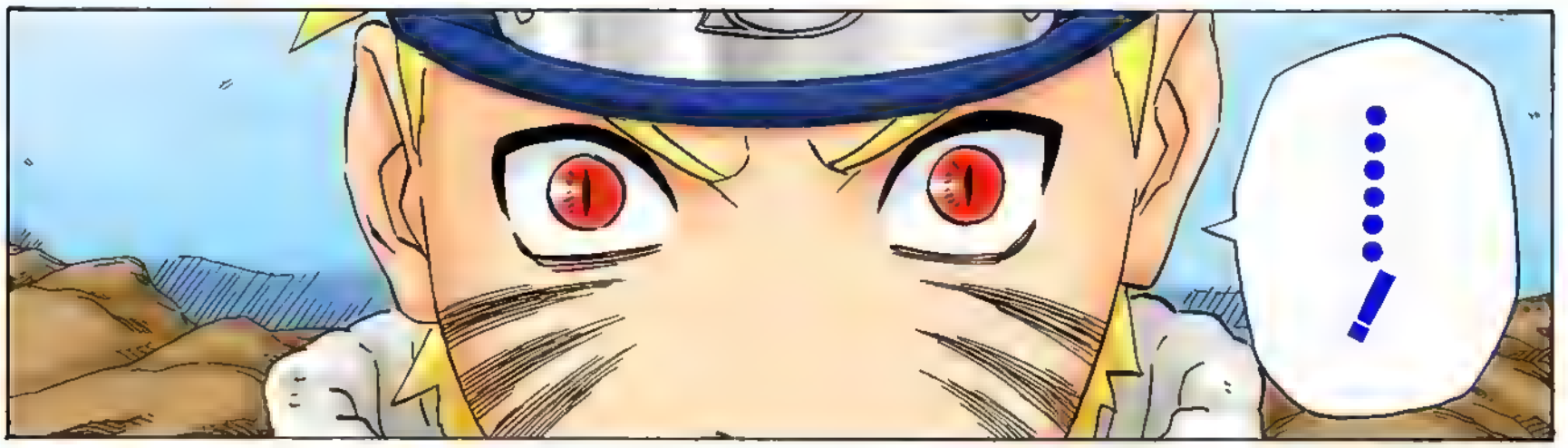
SWOOM*



BRING IT ON, NARUTO.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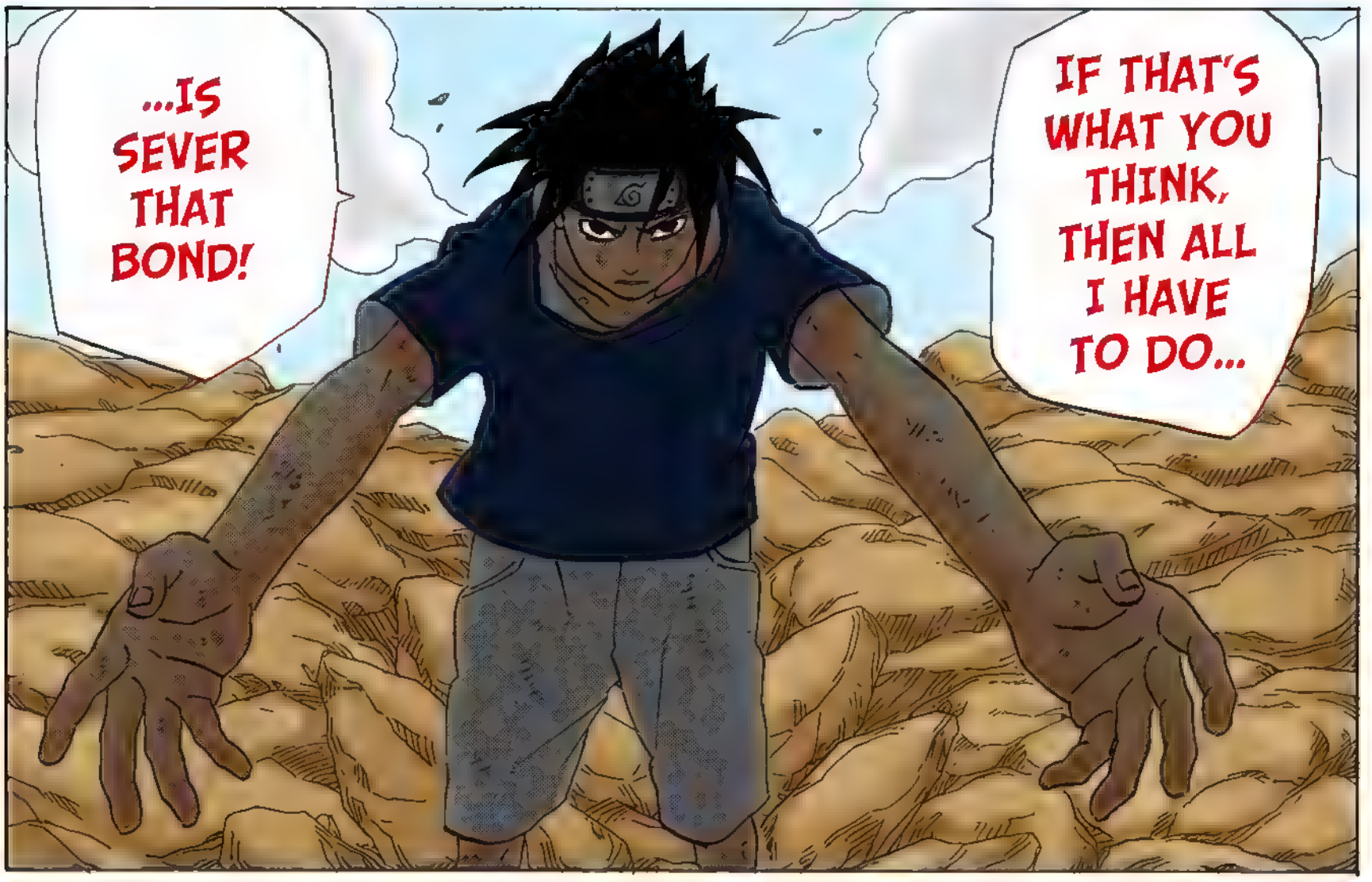
...IS SEVER THAT BOND!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, THEN ALL I HAVE TO DO...

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230：目醒めの時!!

SEVER THE BOND?

.....

SO TELL ME, THEN...

WHAT'S WITH THE HEADBAND?

YOU'RE STRONG.

I'LL SAY IT.

YOU KNOW WHY?

.....!

PAIN IS WHAT MAKES PEOPLE STRONG.

AND...

.....

YOU FEEL THE PAIN OF BEING ALONE.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE ME.

IF I CUT OUR BOND...

I WILL BECOME STRONGER. MUCH STRONGER.

.....

BUT...

TAP TAP

I'LL FIGHT YOU AS MY EQUAL NOW.

SEE UP HERE? NOT A SCRATCH

THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE CHANGING THAT

NOT NOW. NOT EVER!

SASUKE ...

NOTHING I SAY'S GONNA SWAY YOU, IS IT...?

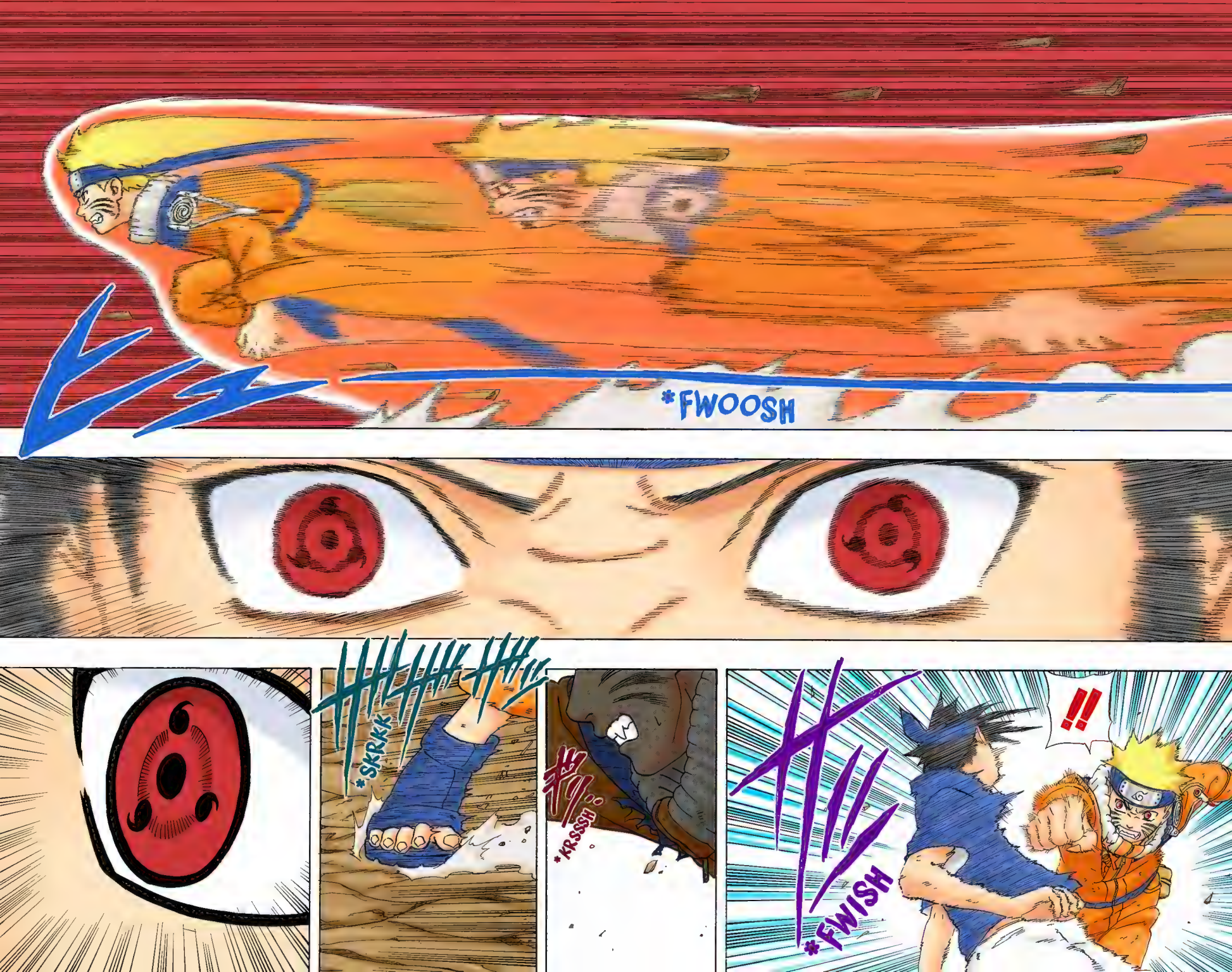
*CLENCH

YEAH, WE'RE DONE CHATTING. ALL WE HAVE LEFT...

...IS THE FIGHT.

*TAK

SO I SAID BRING IT ON.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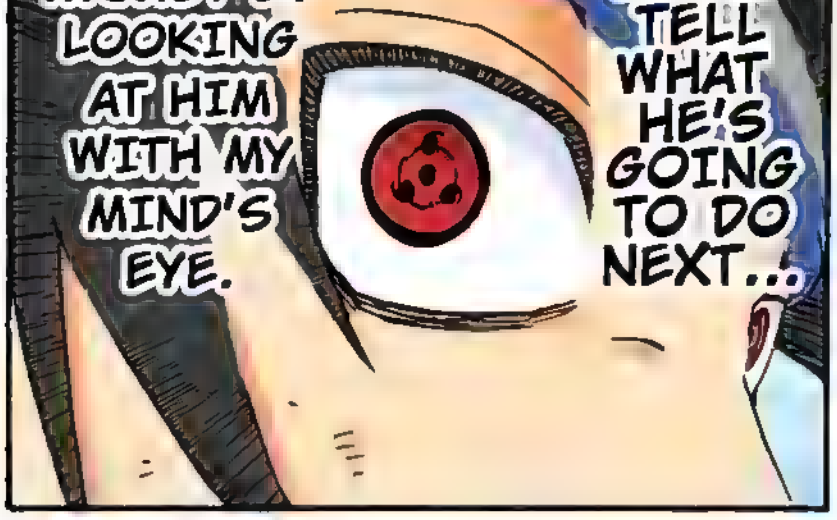
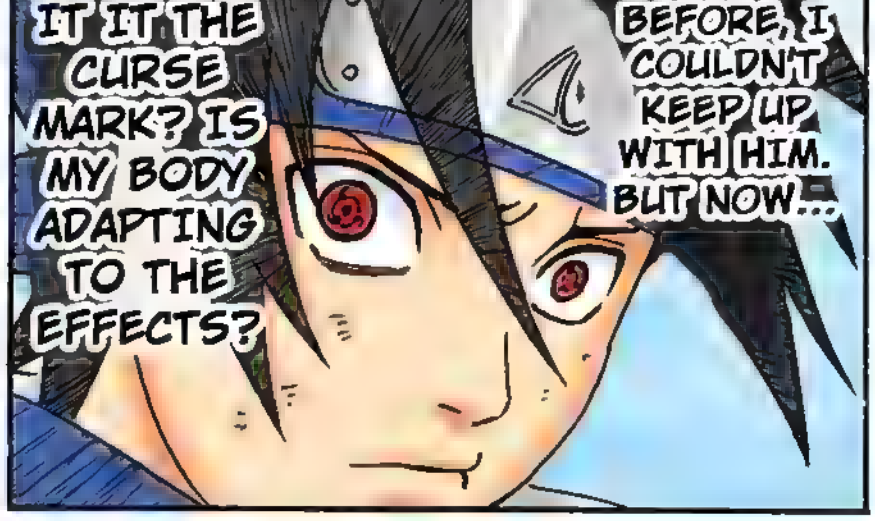
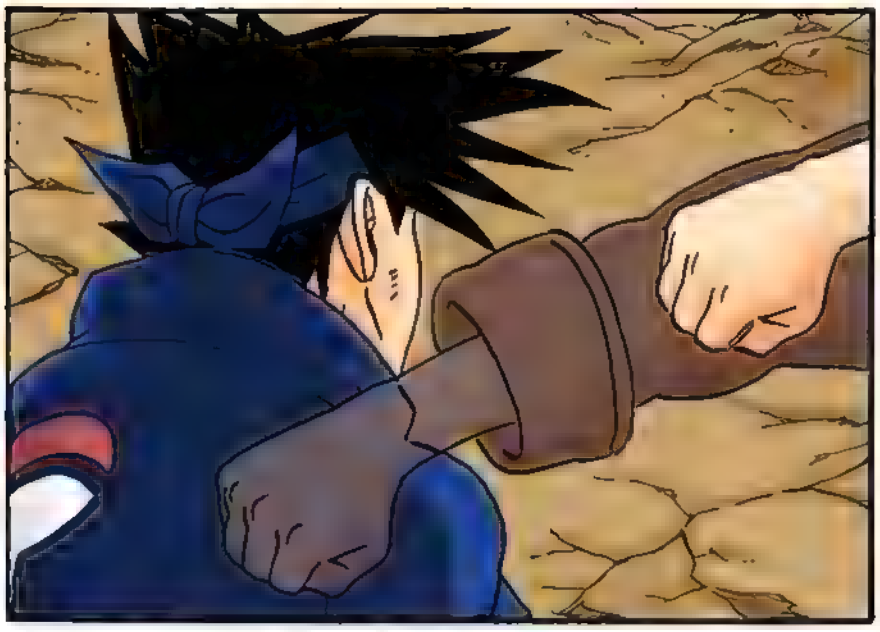
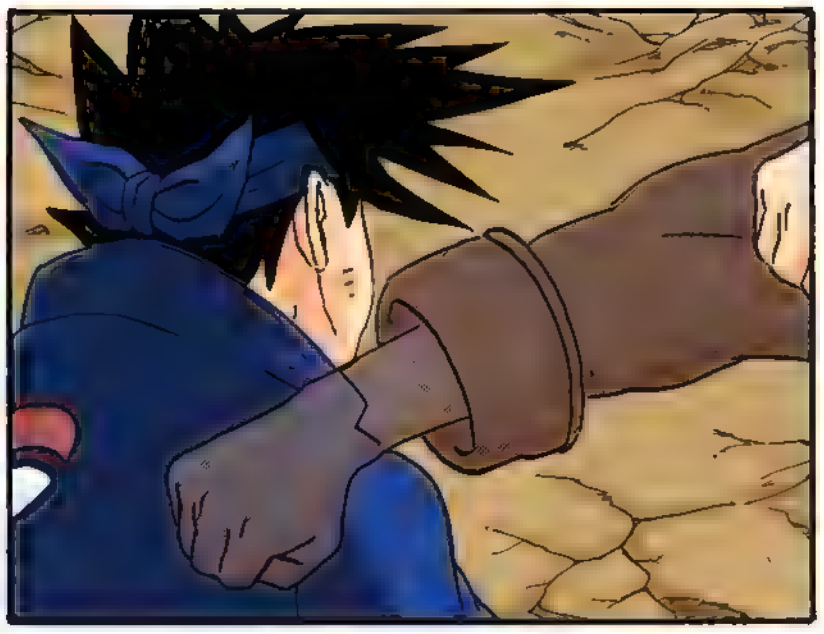
*SKRKK
*KRSSSH
*FWISH
!!

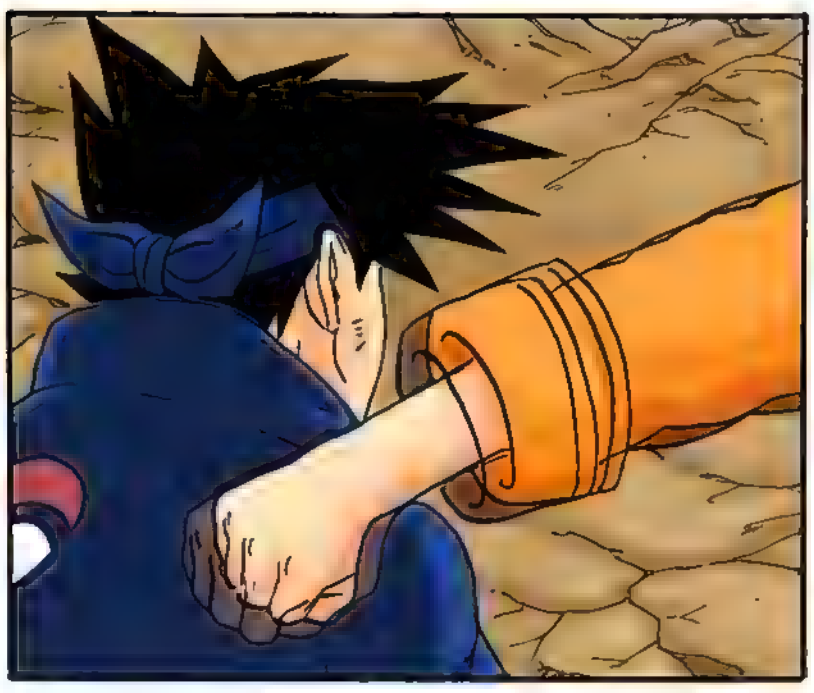

...JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM WITH MY MIND'S EYE.
I CAN TELL WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO NEXT...

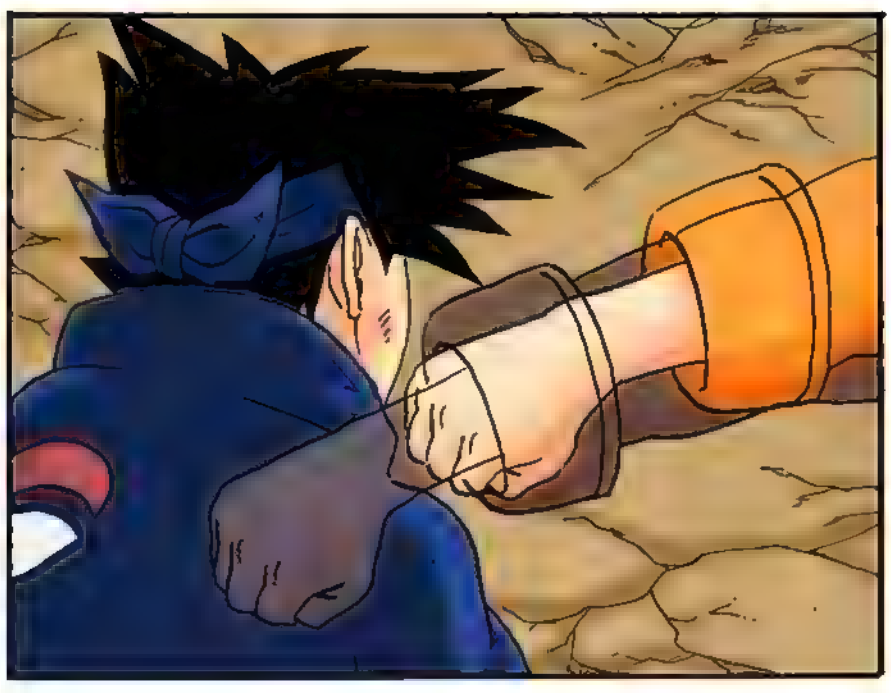

IT IT THE CURSE MARK? IS MY BODY ADAPTING TO THE EFFECTS?
WHOA. BEFORE, I COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH HIM. BUT NOW...

*SWOOO









*SKRRSH

KA

KA

SPAP

!?

GIVEN HOW THE CURSE MARK DRAINS ME, EVERY BIT COUNTS.

I CAN CONSERVE MY CHAKRA.

WITH EYES LIKE THESE...

*SKRRT

WITH CHAKRA-SIGHT LIKE THIS...

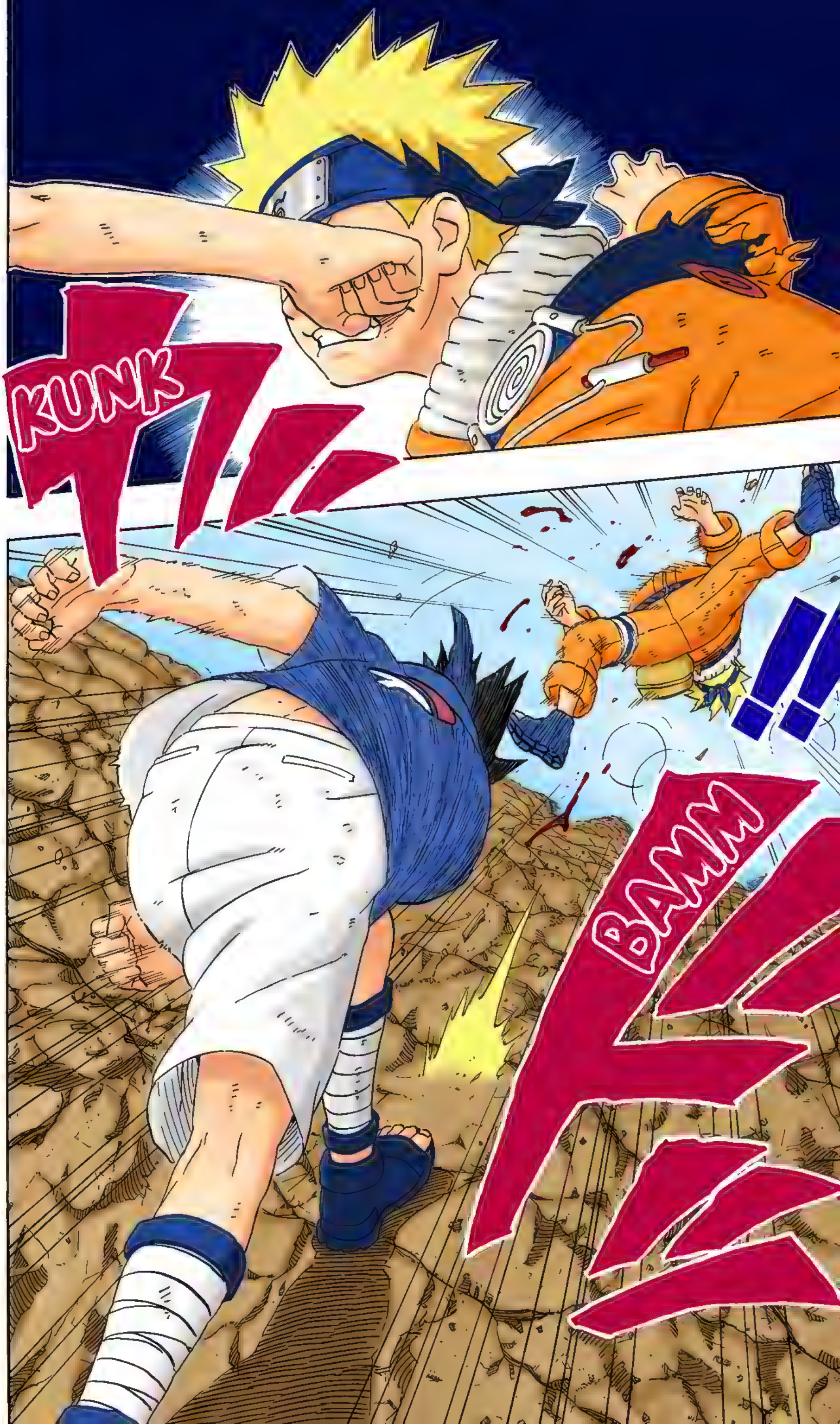
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE!

PAH... WHO CARES! HE CAN MOVE HOW HE LIKES!

HOW'S HE DOING THIS...?

AND SET UP MY STRIKE BEFORE IT HAPPENS!

ALL I NEED TO DO IS READ HIS NEXT MOVE...


KUNK
!!!
BAMM

*SKRRSSH

*SPLOOSHH

*PLOORSH

ACK!!

HE'S ANTICI-PATING ALL MY MOVES

...

TWIK

GAH!!

*KLUDD

*KRAM

*BAM

*POW

*KLUD

*KRAK

*SWSSSH

*SPISSH

HH HH

*PLOOSH

FIII-

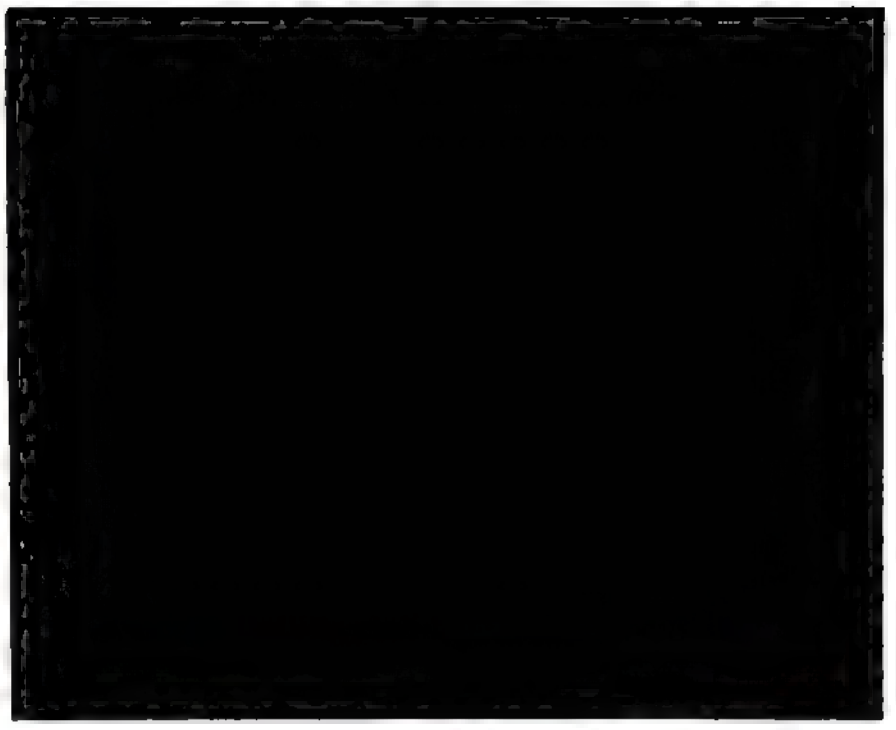
...STOP SASUKE.

I'VE GOTTA ...

I CAN'T ... LET HIM GO...

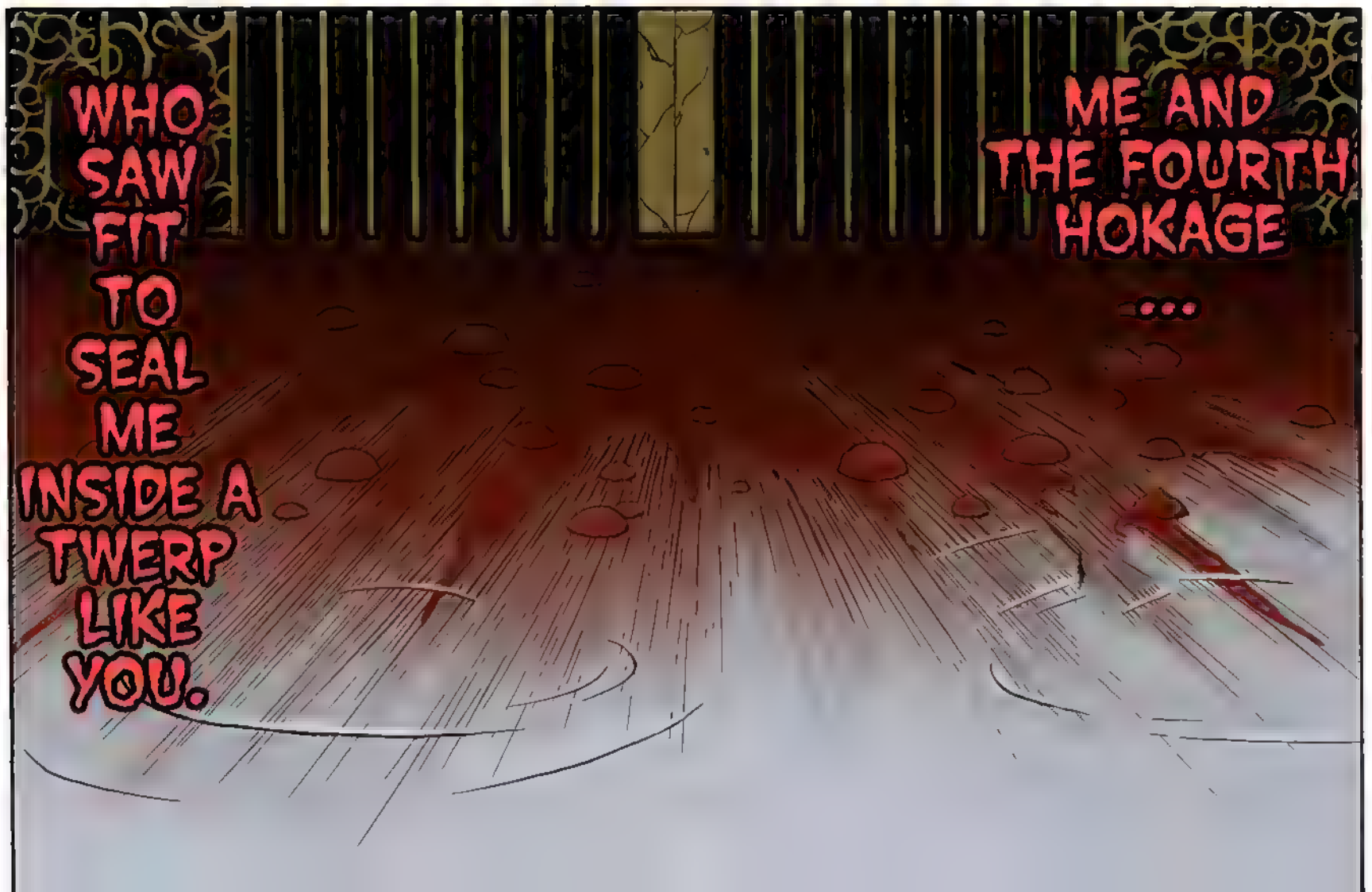
I CAN'T... LET HIM...

HEH...



...THANK ME...
YOU'D BETTER ...

YOU REALLY ARE WEAK
YOU RUNT ...


WHO SAW FIT TO SEAL ME INSIDE A TWERP LIKE YOU.
ME AND THE FOURTH HOKAGE ...

SPAK

*GRR

!

BUP

BUP

.....

*BLUP

*BUP

*BLUP

*BUP

GAH...
URR...
RRG...
RRAH...!

*BLUP

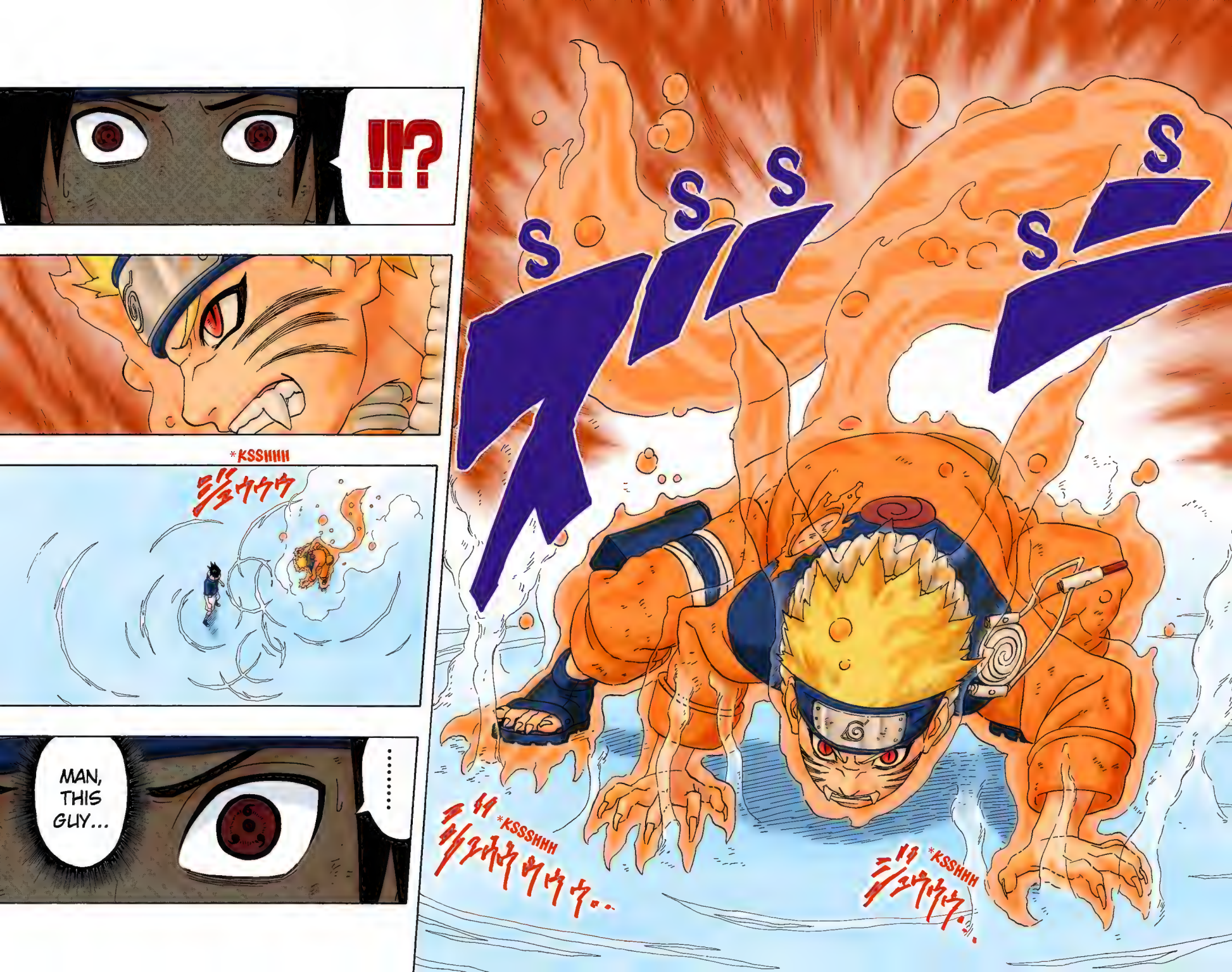
*BLUPP

*BUP

*BLUP

*BUP

*BLUPBUP


!!?
*KSSHHH
MAN, THIS GUY...
.....
*KSSSHHH
*KSSHHH

ナンバー 231：SPECIAL!!

GWURM

*KSSHHH

.....

BUP

BLUP

WIP WIP

THAT RED AURA...

THAT'S NO ORDINARY CHAKRA...

.....

IS THE SUPREME ORDER GIVEN UNTO US BY THE AKATSUKI.

TO TAKE NARUTO WITH US...

...HE'S THE ONE YOU'RE REALLY AFTER.

油

YOU DO POSSESS SOME SPECIAL POWER!

I SEE.

*SKRKK

GRR...

NOW... I CAN SEE IT.

GULP

FWOSH

GRAORR!!!

*GLEAMM

!!

*SWOOF

!!

*SHWIP

CHAKRA... BRANCH-ING?!

WHAT?!

SPAKOW

*SPOOSH

*PISH

*PISH

*SPISH

I COULD READ NARUTO'S MOVES, BUT HIS CHAKRA ACTED ALONE.

WHAT WAS THAT?!

URK...

EVEN WITH THE EYES, I CAN'T SEE WHAT IT'LL DO

IT'S AS IF HIS CHAKRA HAS A MIND OF IT'S OWN.

*FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP

*SHKK

SO MUCH FOR CLOSE COMBAT THEN...

*PFOOSH

FIRE STYLE! FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!!

ゴゴゴ

*SHWOOF

PFOOM ゴゴ

PFOOM ゴゴ

PFOOM ゴゴ

PFOOM ゴゴ

……!

PFWAAAF

IS THAT CHAKRA PROTECTING HIM?!

PFOF

KISSHH*

ジュウウウ

SO LONG AS I KEEP MY DISTANCE, HE CAN'T TOUCH ME...

OKAY, CALM DOWN ...

ズン

WHAT NOW?!

*FASSH

*SPAKK
!!
*KFSSHSSH
*SKAKOOM
ドガ
!!
*SPASH
*PASH
*PASH
GAHH!
!
URK...
*SKRSSH

*PLIK
*PLIK
*PLIK
*PLIK
*PLIK
HUF
HUF
UGH...
THE MOST I CAN DO IS DODGE...
!!

*SKRK

*GLOM

*GLOM

*KRSSH

WHOAA!

!!

SKAKOOM

*SWSSSH

ドドドドド

*PA

PASH*

.....

GUESS THIS IS IT...

HEH HEH HEH HEH...

HEH HEH HEH...

HEH HEH...

!

YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE...

NARUTO!

SHFF

ONCE I UNLEASH THIS POWER... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO ME, BUT...

*ZWUR

*ZWUR

*ZWUR

*ZWUR

*ZWUR

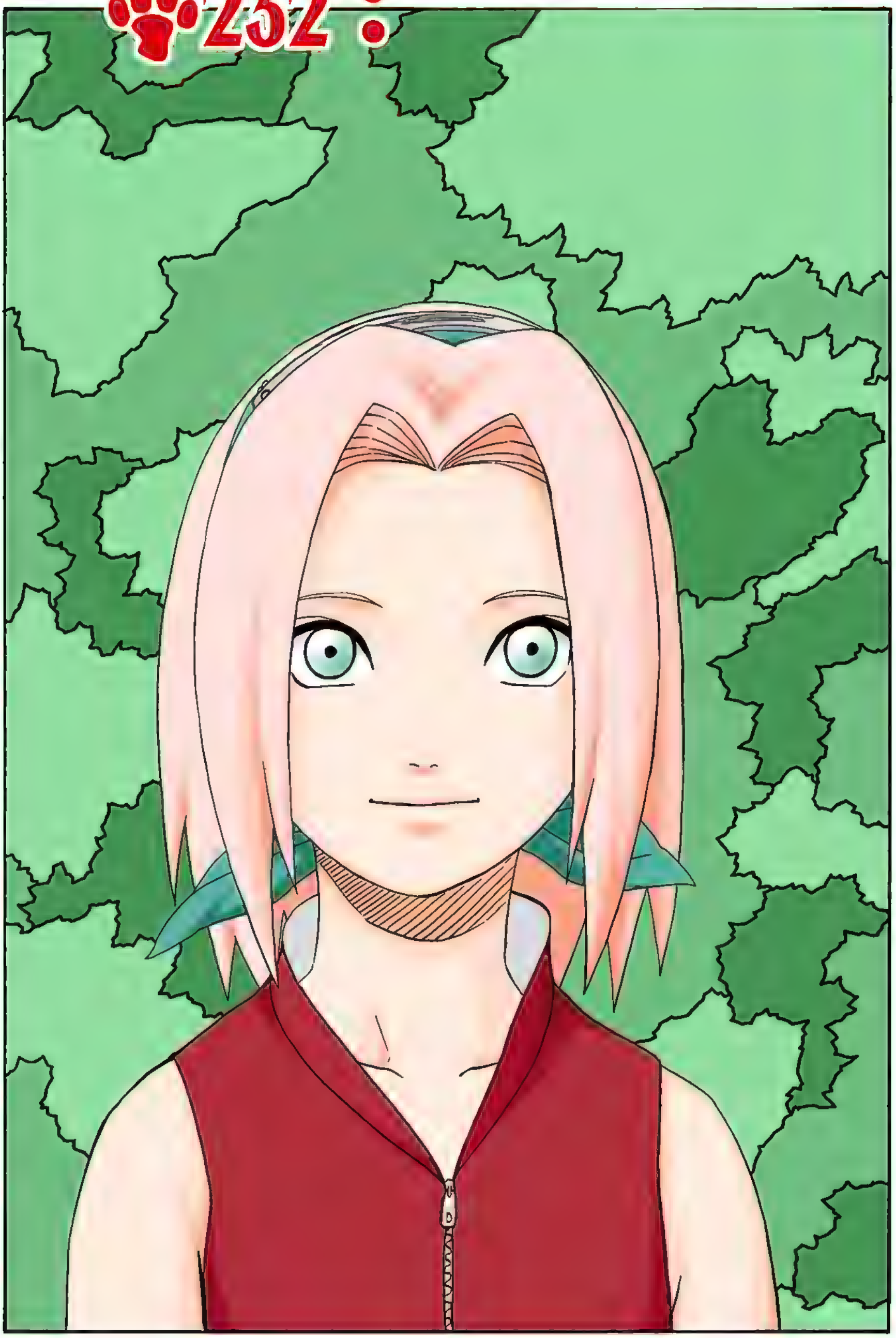
*ZWUR

TURNS OUT YOU WERE PRETTY SPECIAL.

BUT, IN THE END...

SASUKE
...
.....
*FOOSH
I'M ALMOST THERE!!
I'M STILL MORE SPECIAL THAN YOU!

232: THE FINAL VALLEY



IS THAT ALL...

.....!

...THAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL?

*FOOSH

I WON'T LOSE.

HEH HEH...

*SKRR

*KRRK

KK

*SKAKUMP

*SPUMP

*KRUMP

*SHWOO

*PAK

!!

*SPA

FOOM

*KOW

YAHH!

!?

*SWSSH

*SLAMM

URGH...

……!

*PLIK *PLIK

ドカ!!

GRUH ...

*SHRIPP

MMGH

URK... MMG...

……

AGH...
SHF
I HAVE NO TIME TO DRAG THIS OUT.
IT'S EATING ME AWAY...
IF YOU KEEP YOUR CURSE MARK IN A RELEASED STATE FOR TOO LONG IT WILL ERODE YOUR BODY.
SASUKE... YOU...
.....
!
UNGH...

ミシウウウウウ

MY LEFT HAND... COMPLETELY NUMB...

SSSSSSS*

.....

DO YOU KNOW ...?

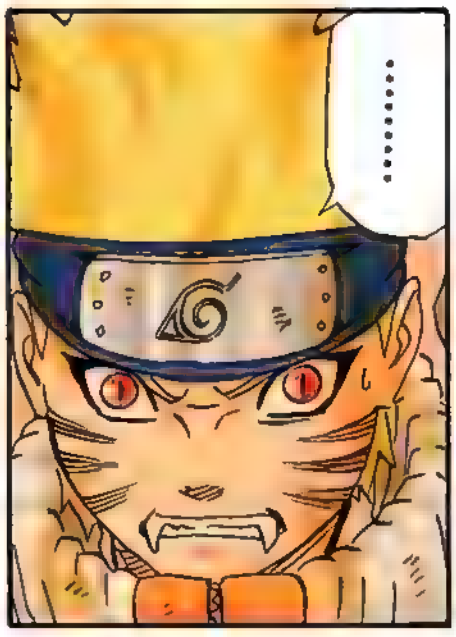
!

YOUR POWER...

LOOKS LIKE IT CARRIES SOME RISK WITH IT.

WE'RE AT THE BORDER THEY CALL THE FINAL VALLEY.

I SAID WE WERE DONE CHATTING, DIDN'T I?
OH... YEAH...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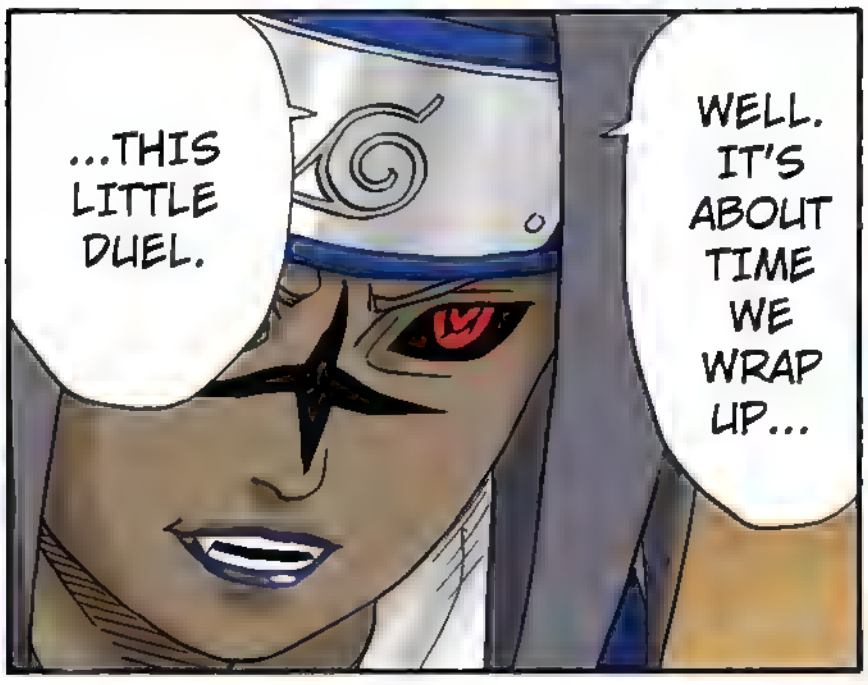
NARUTO?
A PREFECT SETTING... WOULDN'T YOU SAY?


...THIS LITTLE DUEL.
WELL. IT'S ABOUT TIME WE WRAP UP...

.....

AND ALL THE... BATTLES TO DATE...

NOW...

*BLUP
ゴポ
ゴポ
*PUP
ゴポ
*BLOP
……

GWURRR GWEEE
BUP
BUP
ゴゴゴ
ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ

CHIDORI!
1000
BIRDS!!
*BZZAK

ナルト

EEEEEEENG

*FASSH

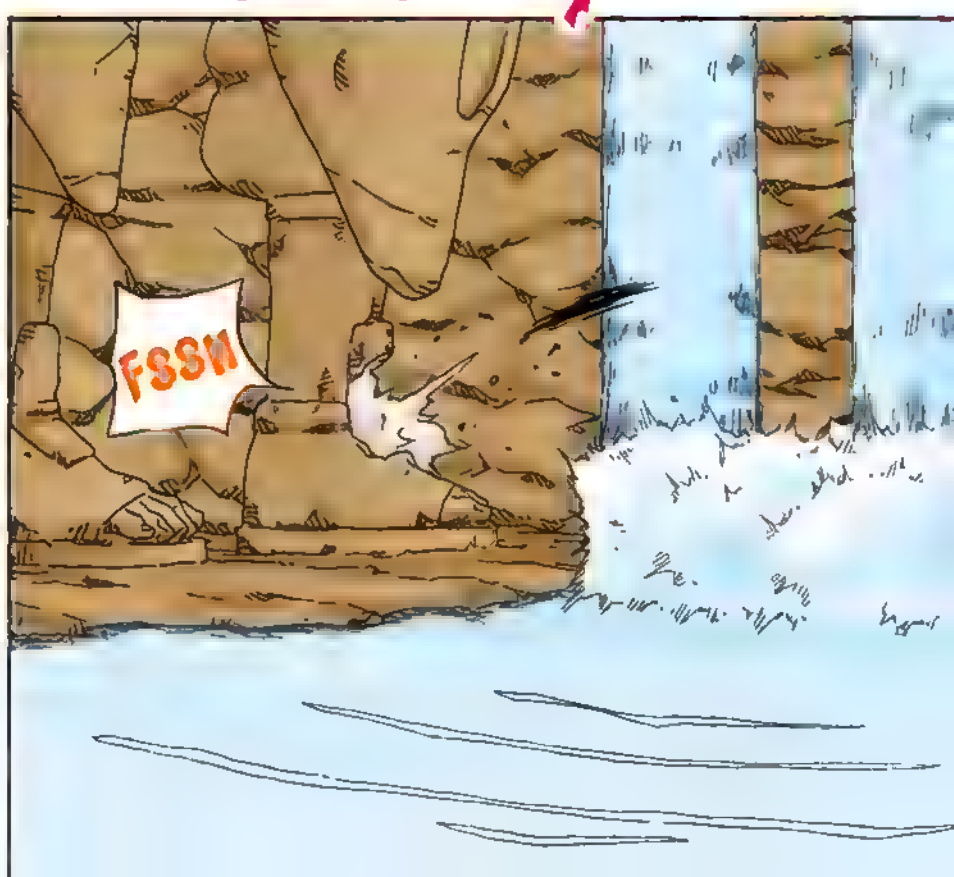
BWONNN

FFSH

CHIRP

CHIRP

CHIRRP



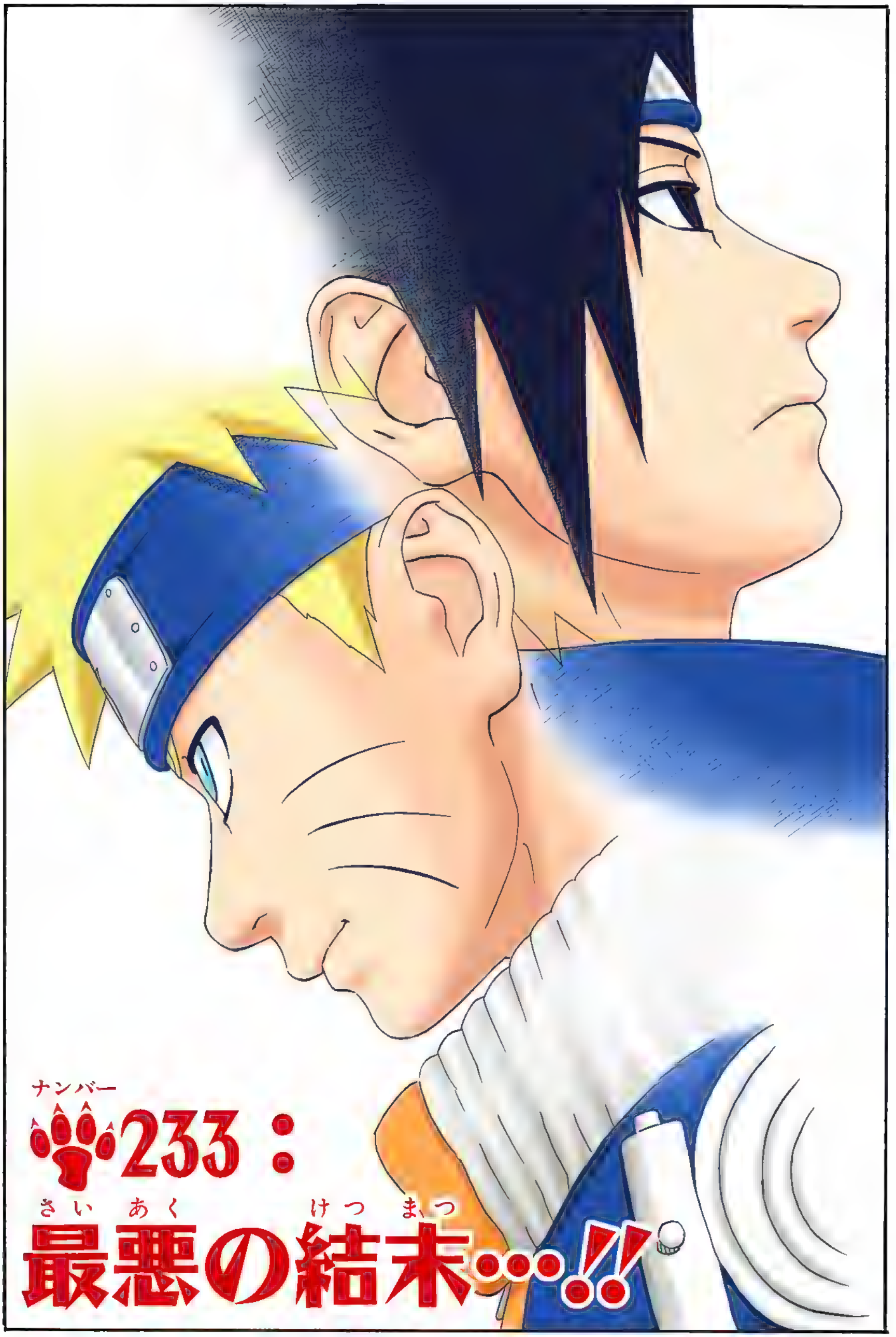
*WWEEEEEEENN

FLY

FREE

*CHIRRRRRP

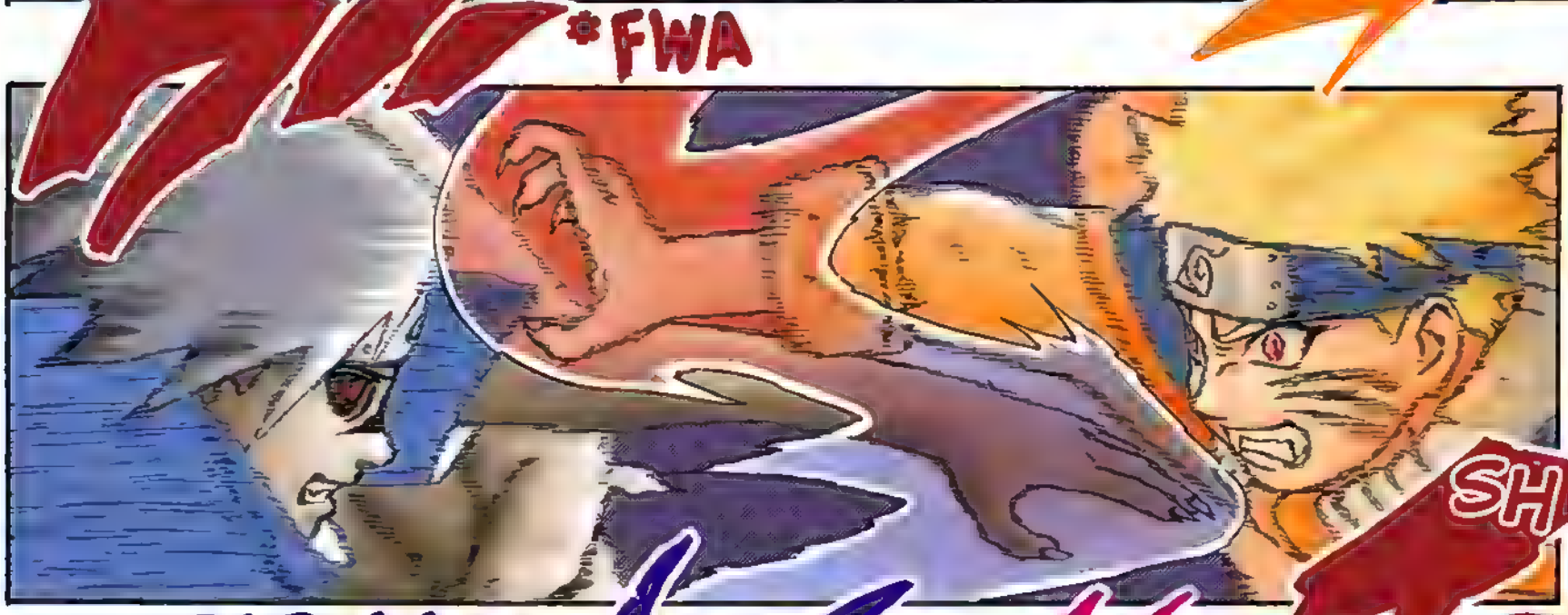
CHIDORI! 1000 BIRDS!!
RASENGAN! SPIRAL CHAKRA SPHERE!!
*SPA
*KAM

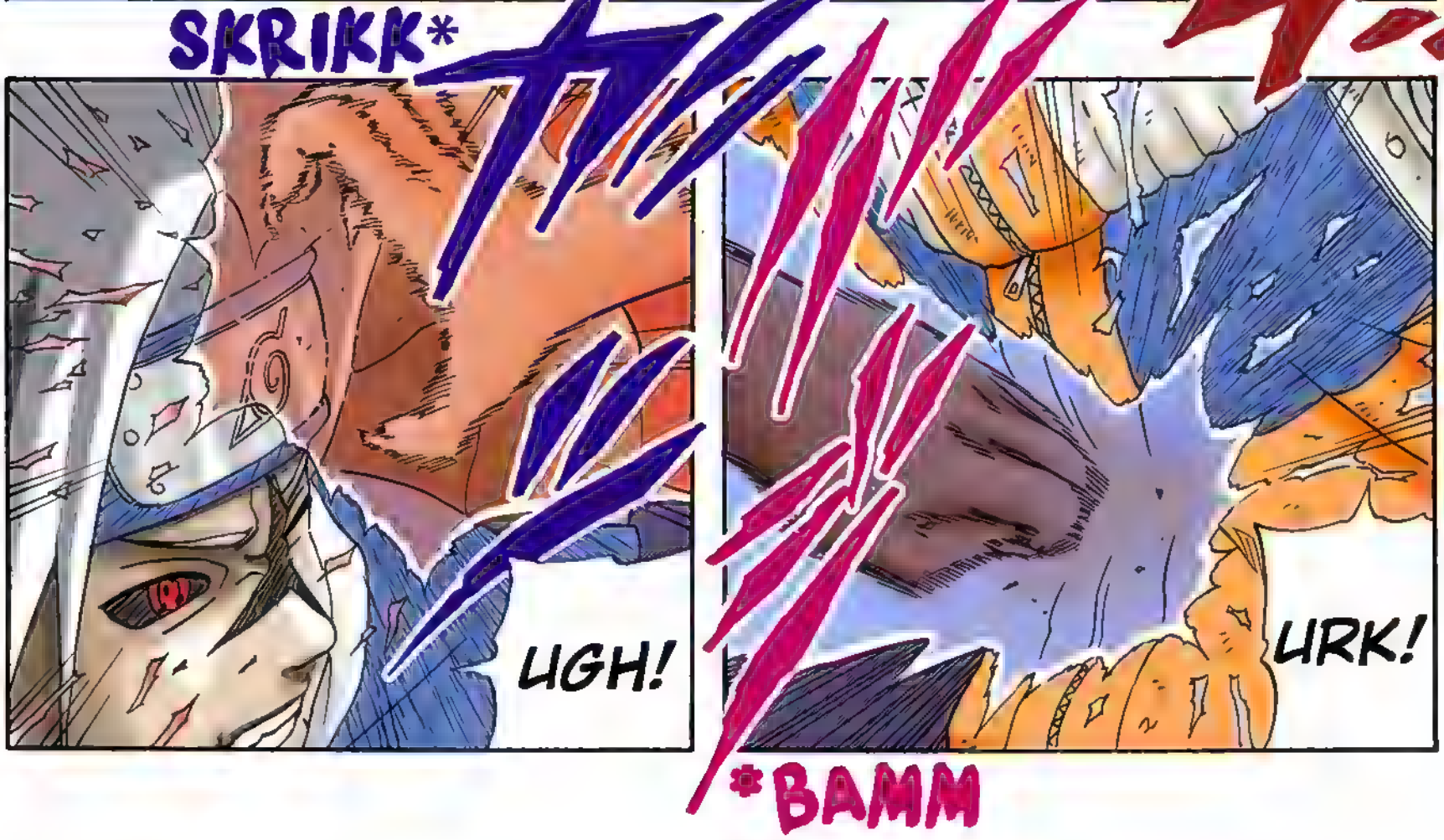


ナンバー 233：最悪の結末…!!

233: THE WORST ENDING...!!

BZZAKK


*FWA
SH


SKRIKK*
UGH!
URK!
*BAMM

*SHAK

*TWIXX

!!

ZZAAM

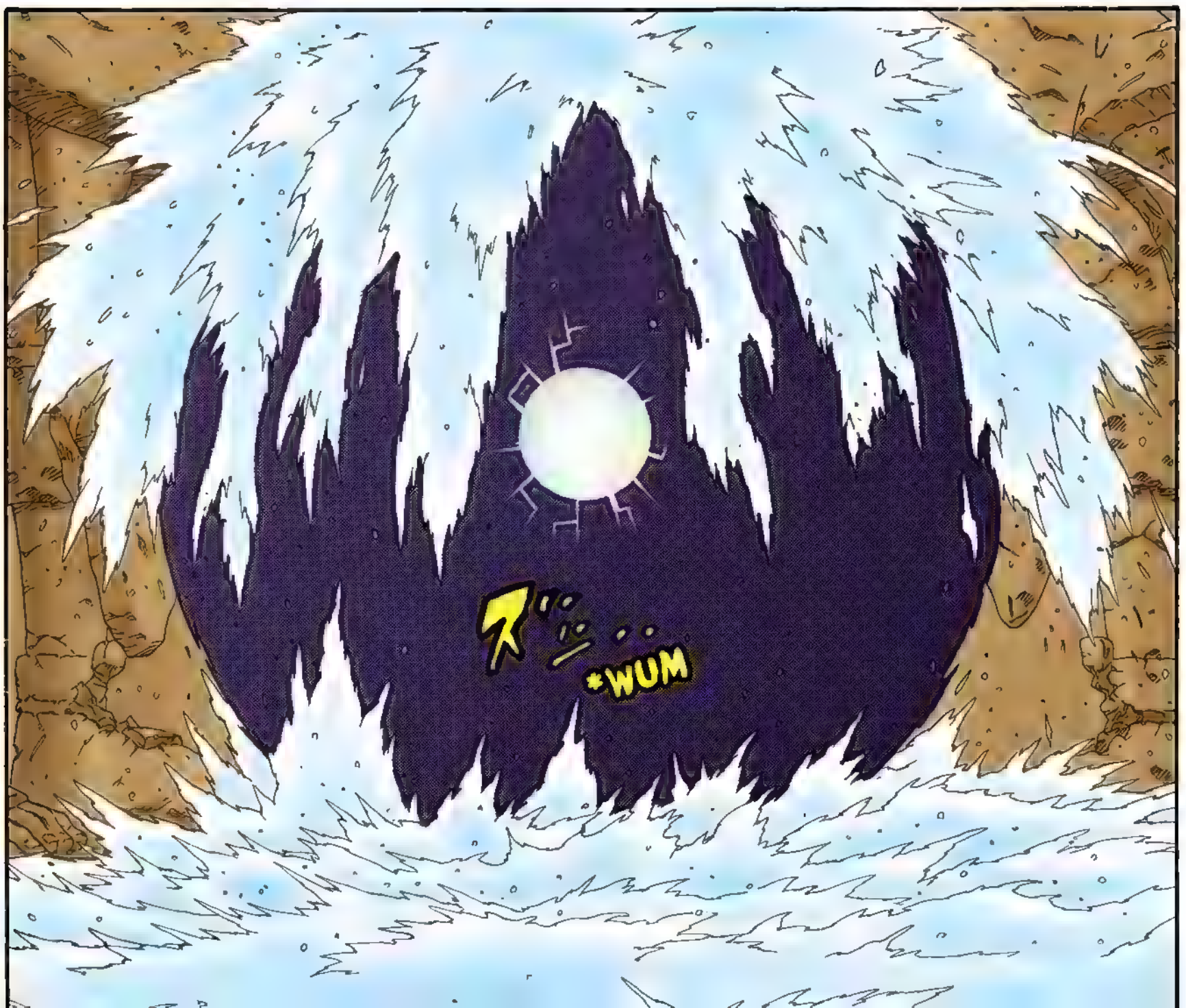
*SPAP

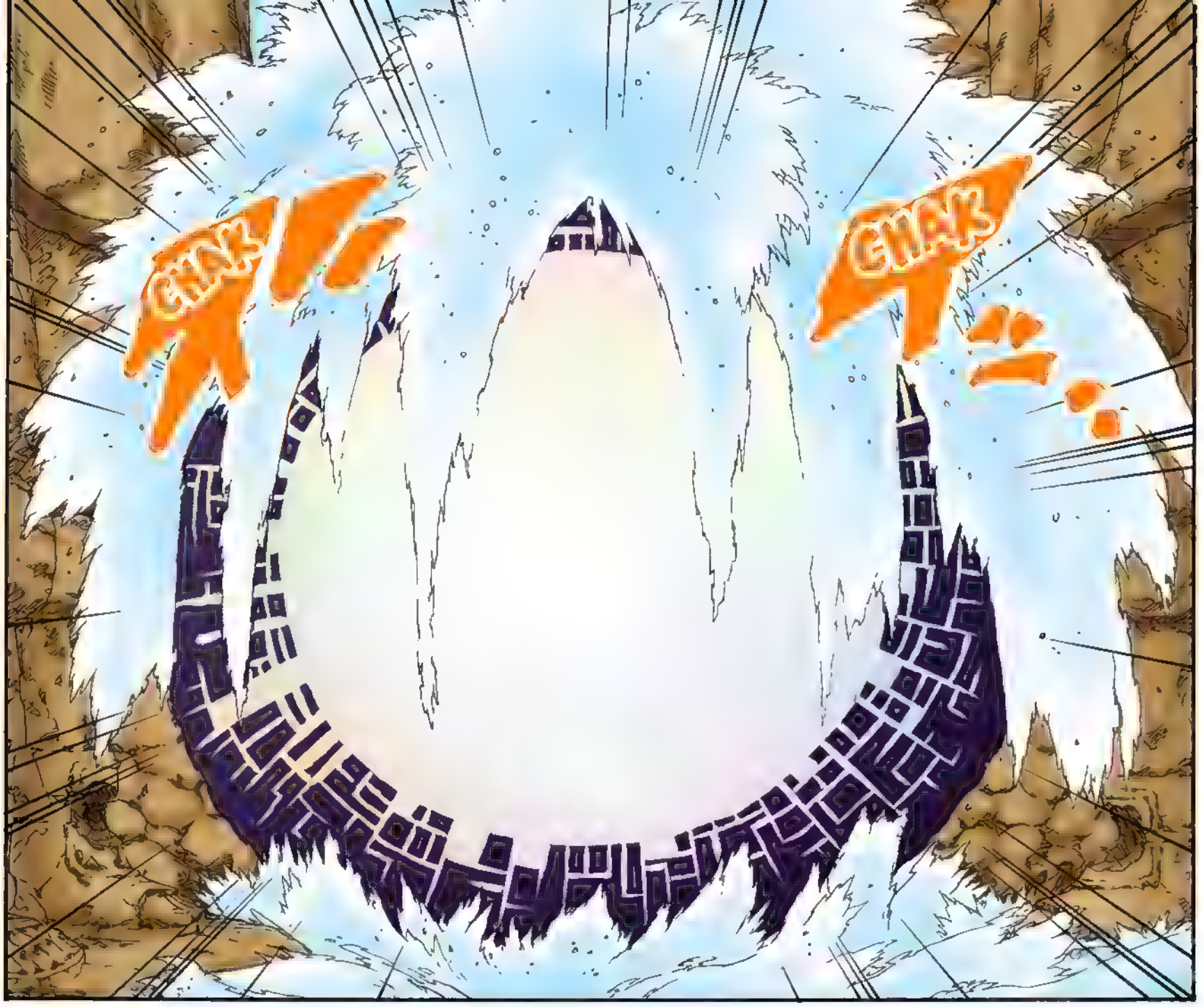
THIS IS BAD!!

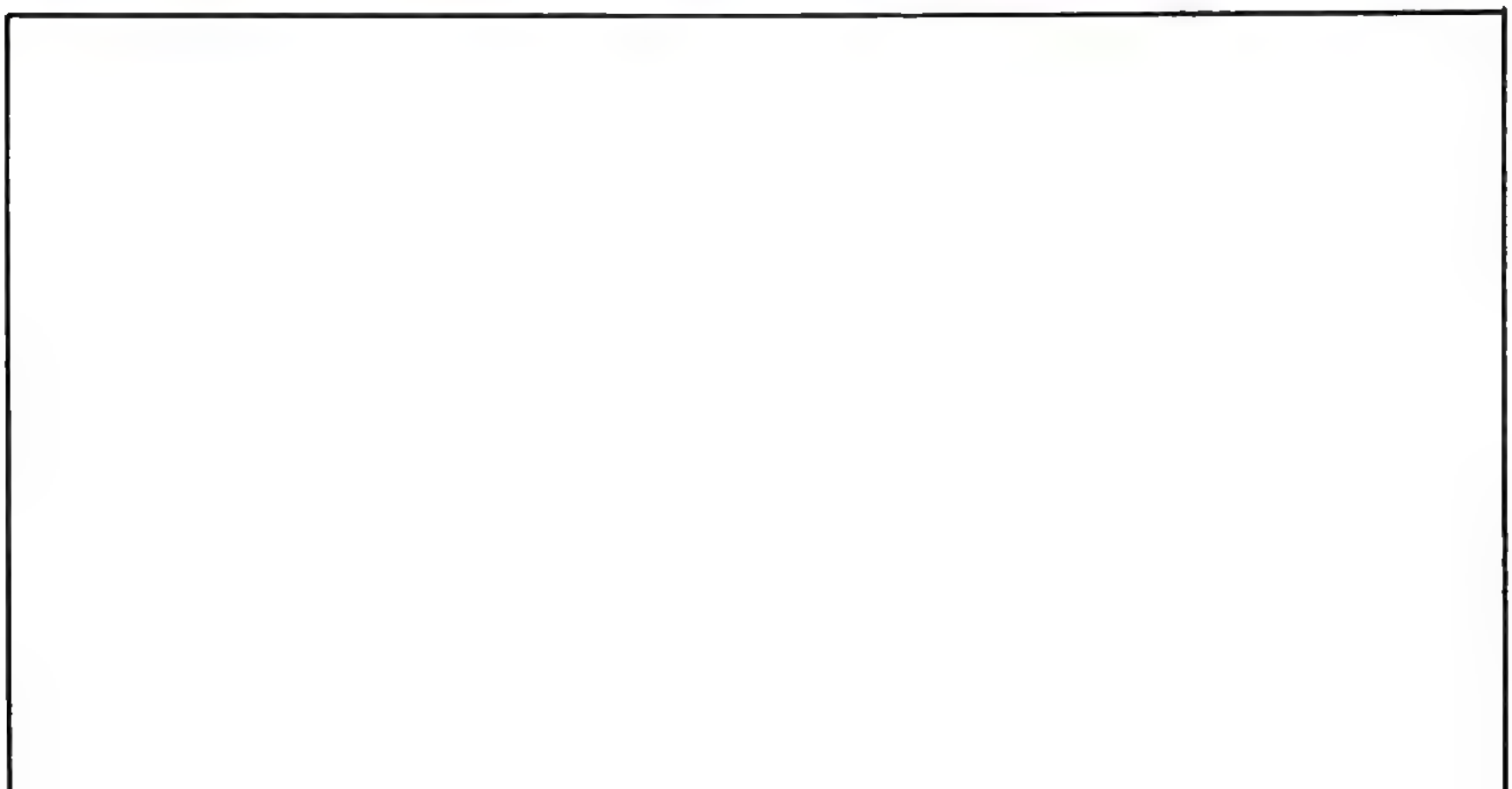
THIS CHAKRA!!

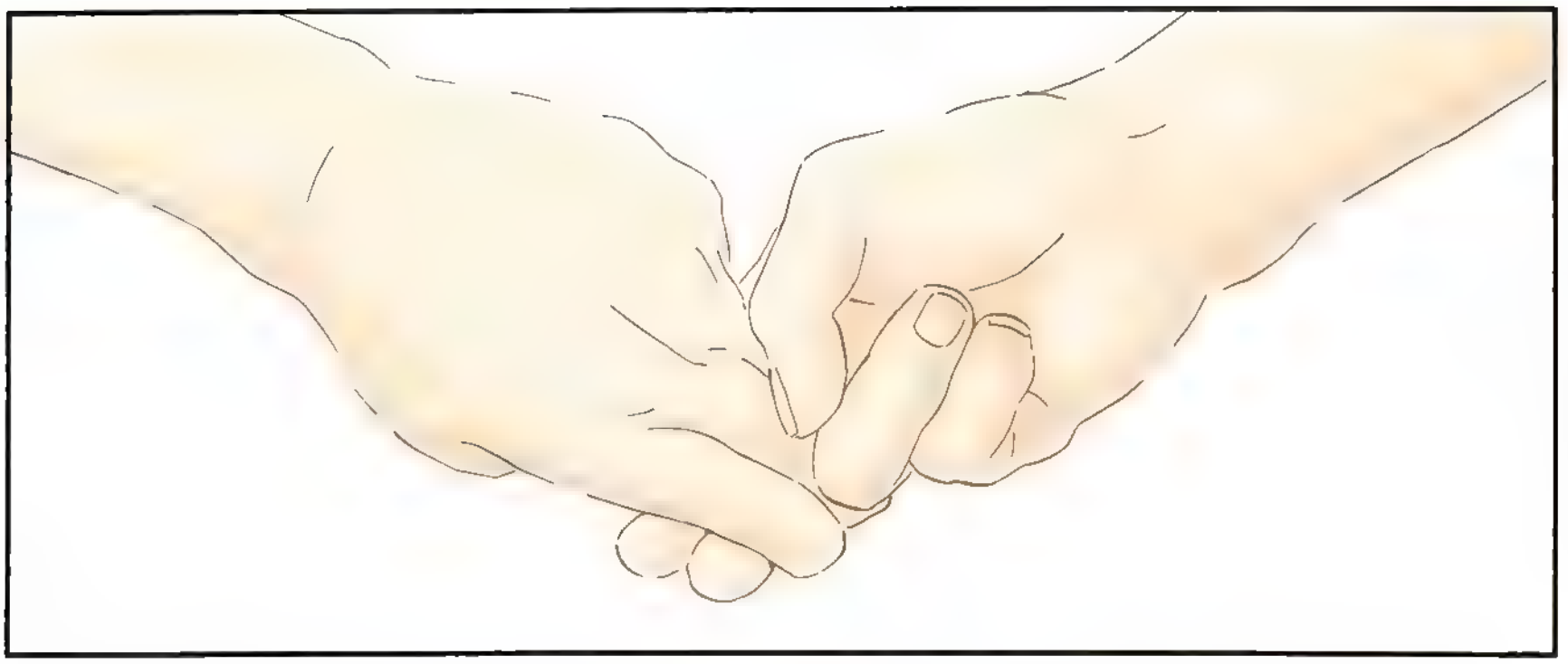
*FWOOSH

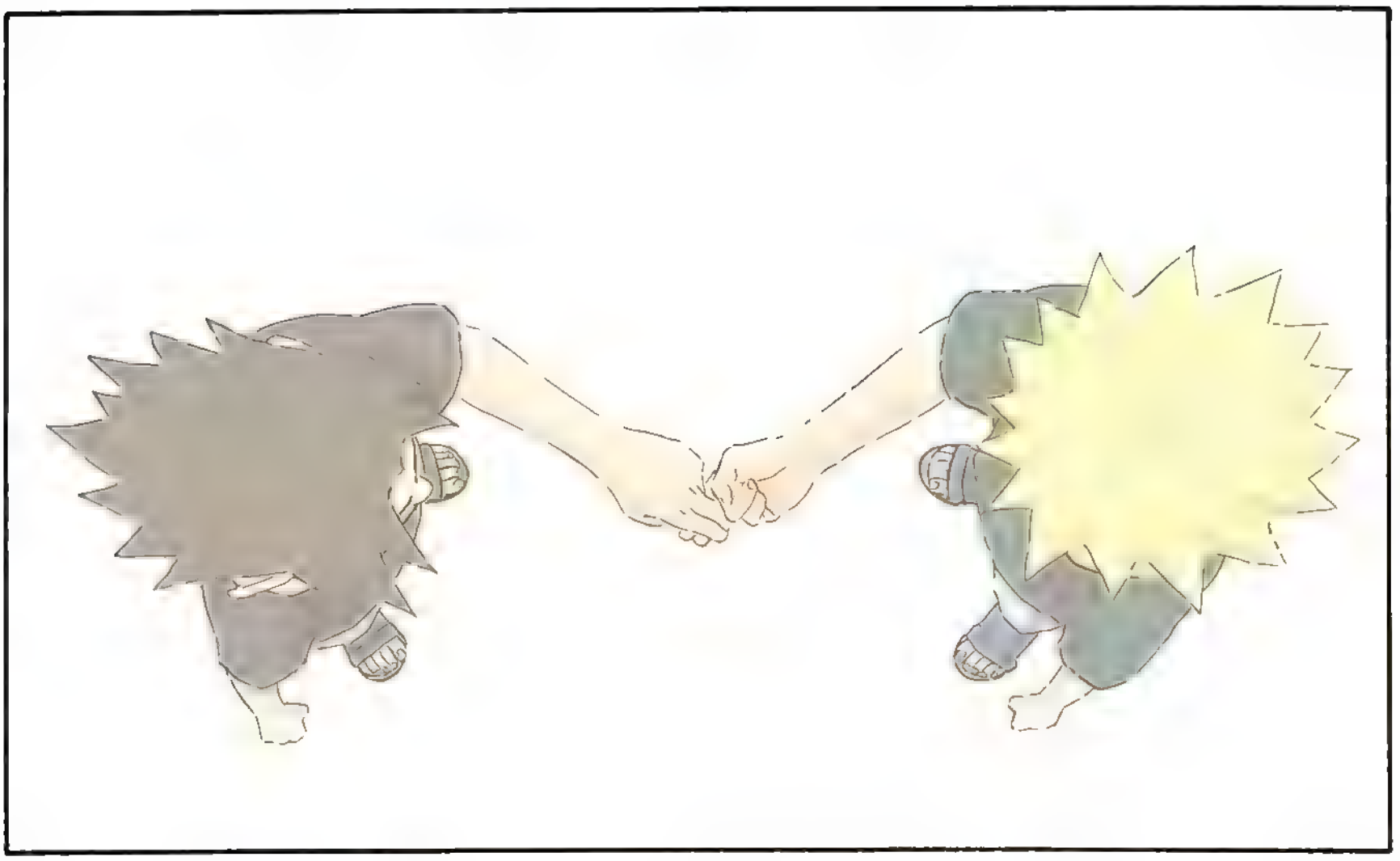
KRA
KK

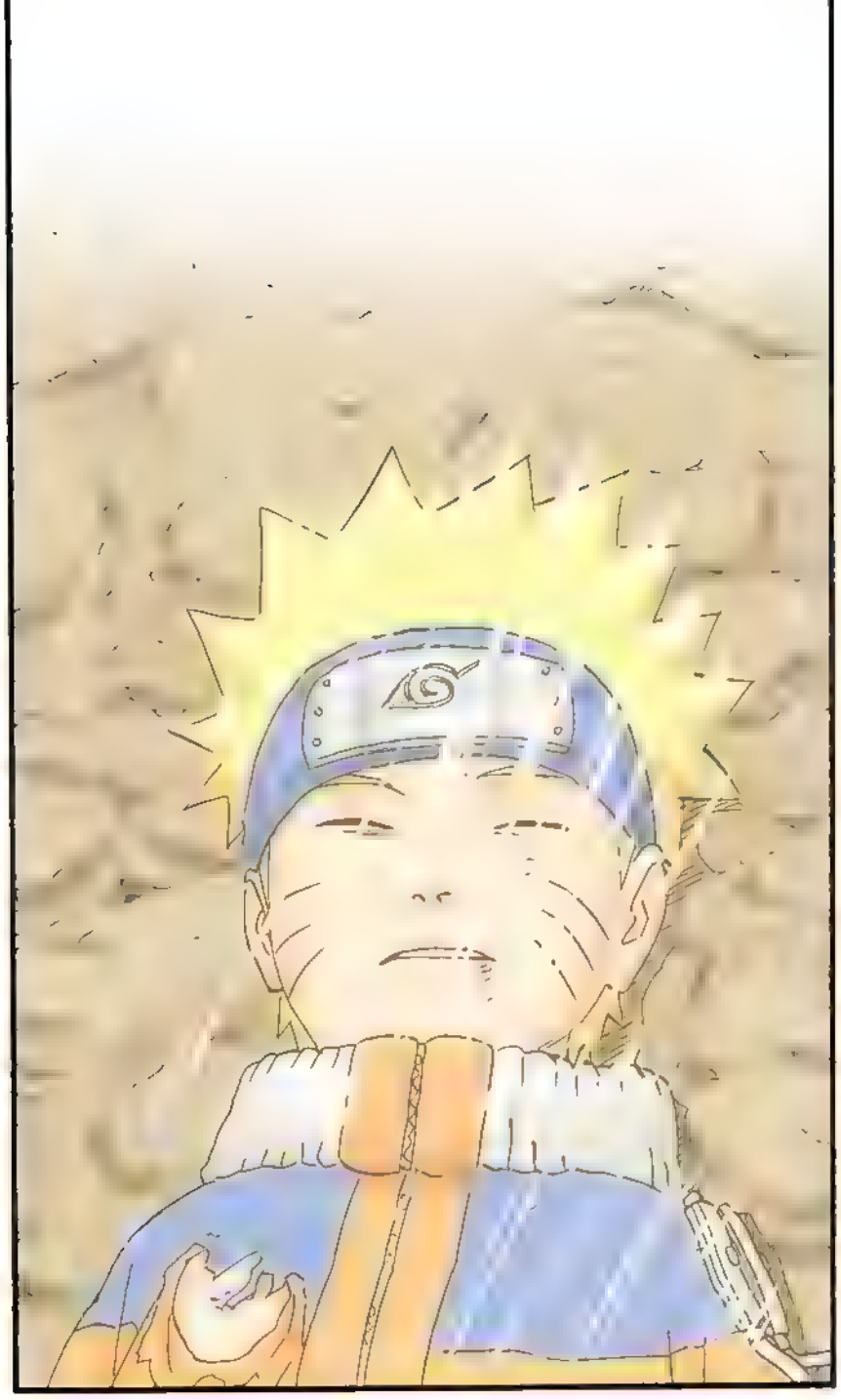

*WUM

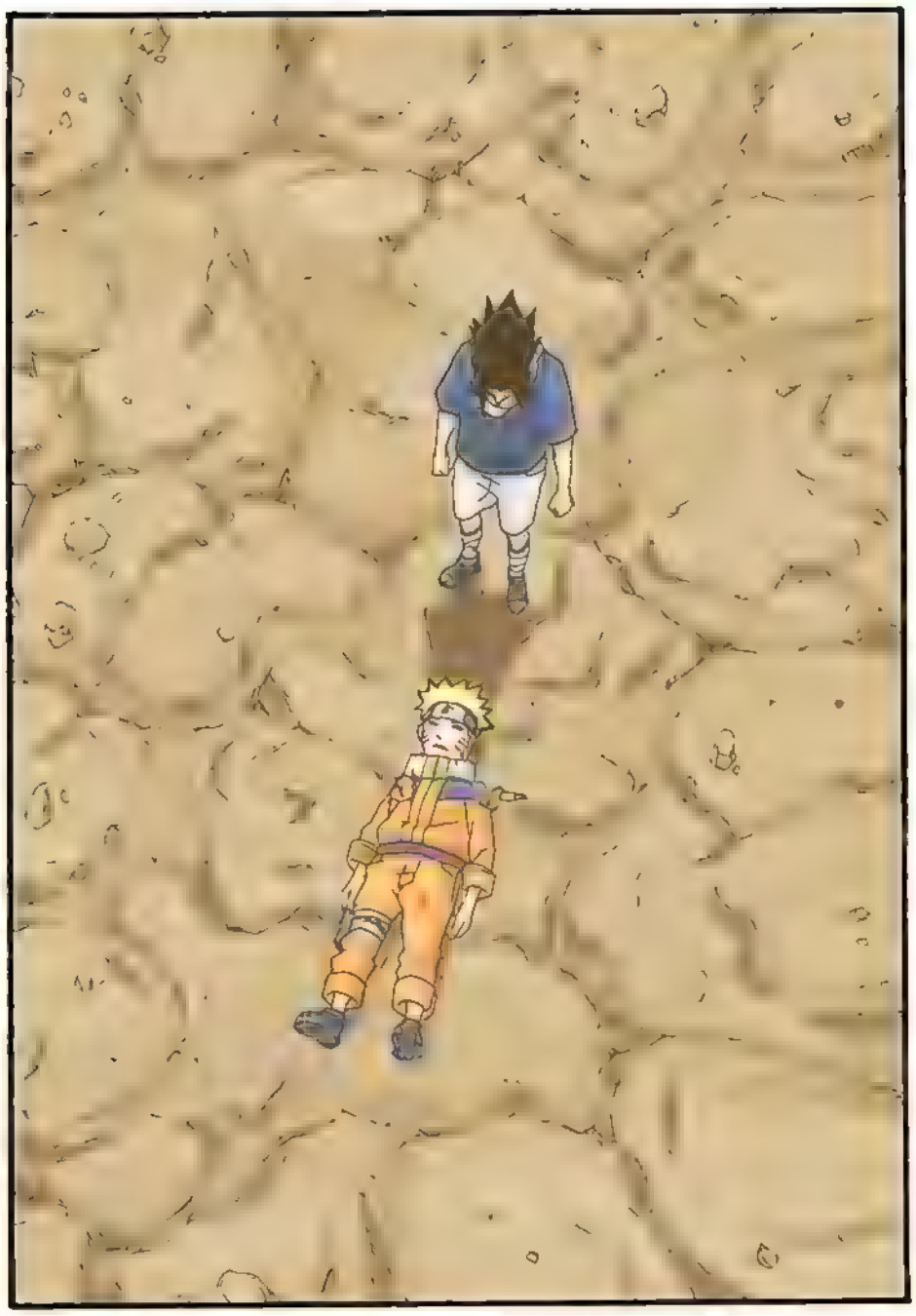

GNAK
GNAK

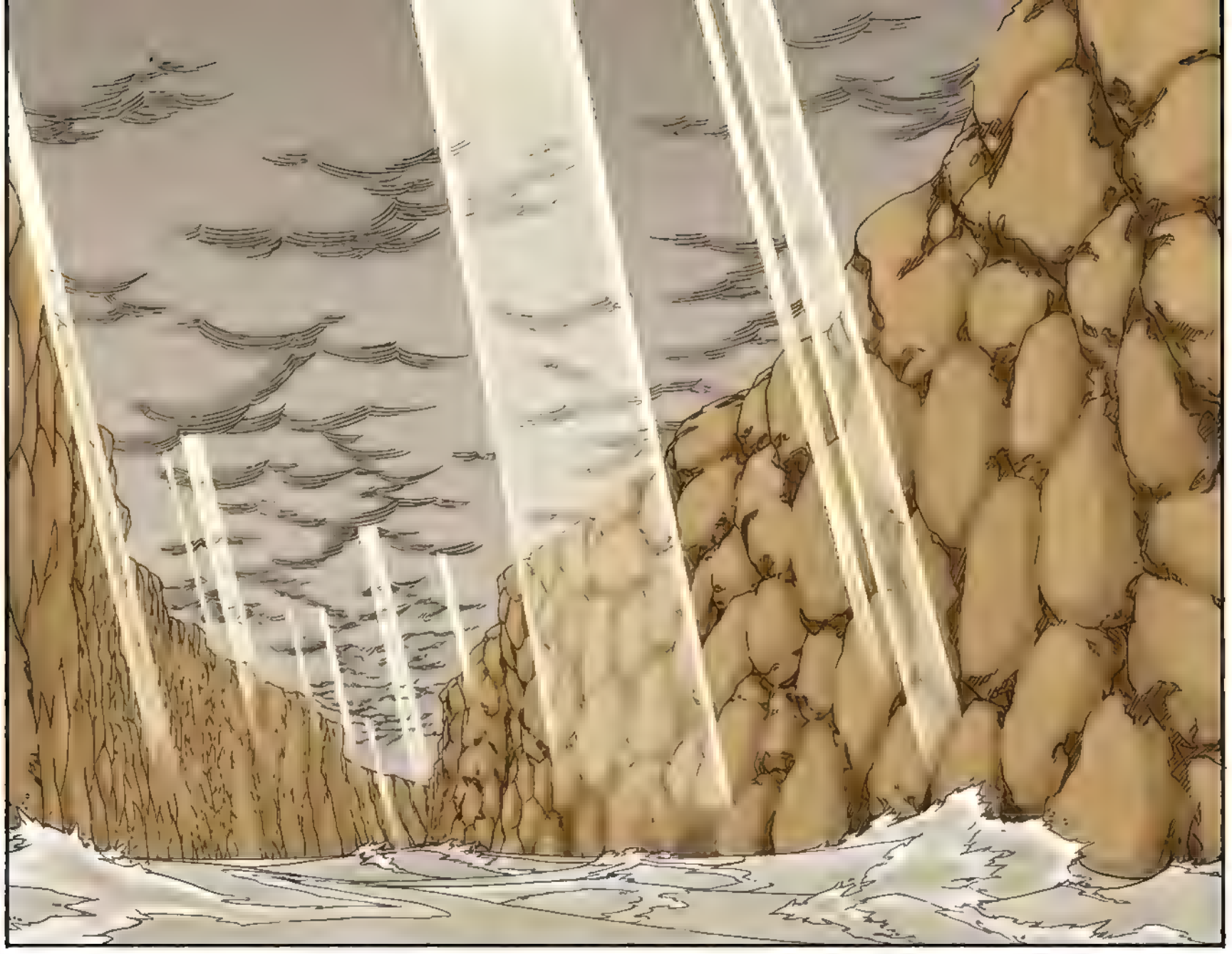


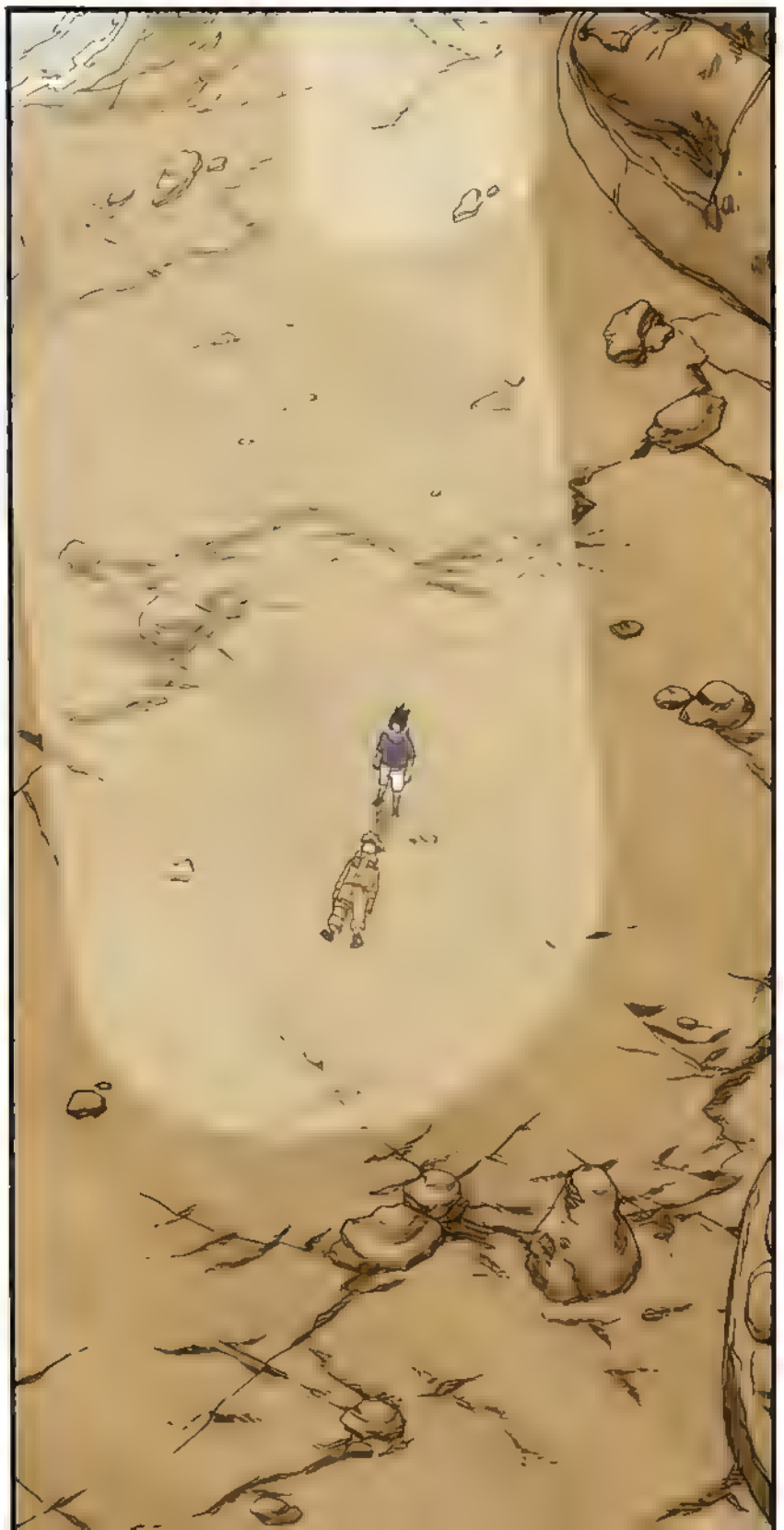


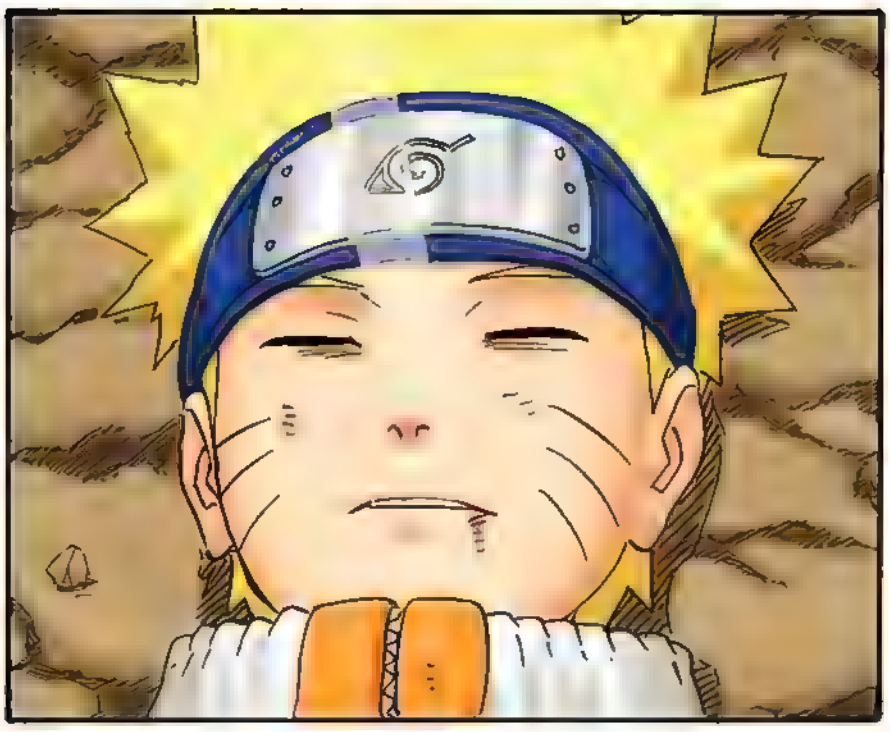


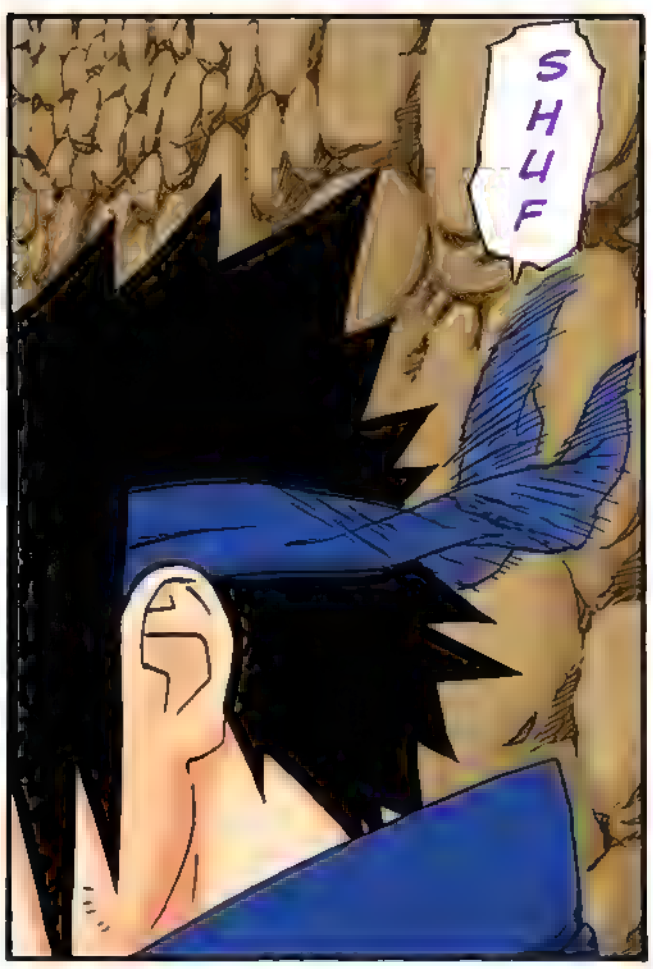




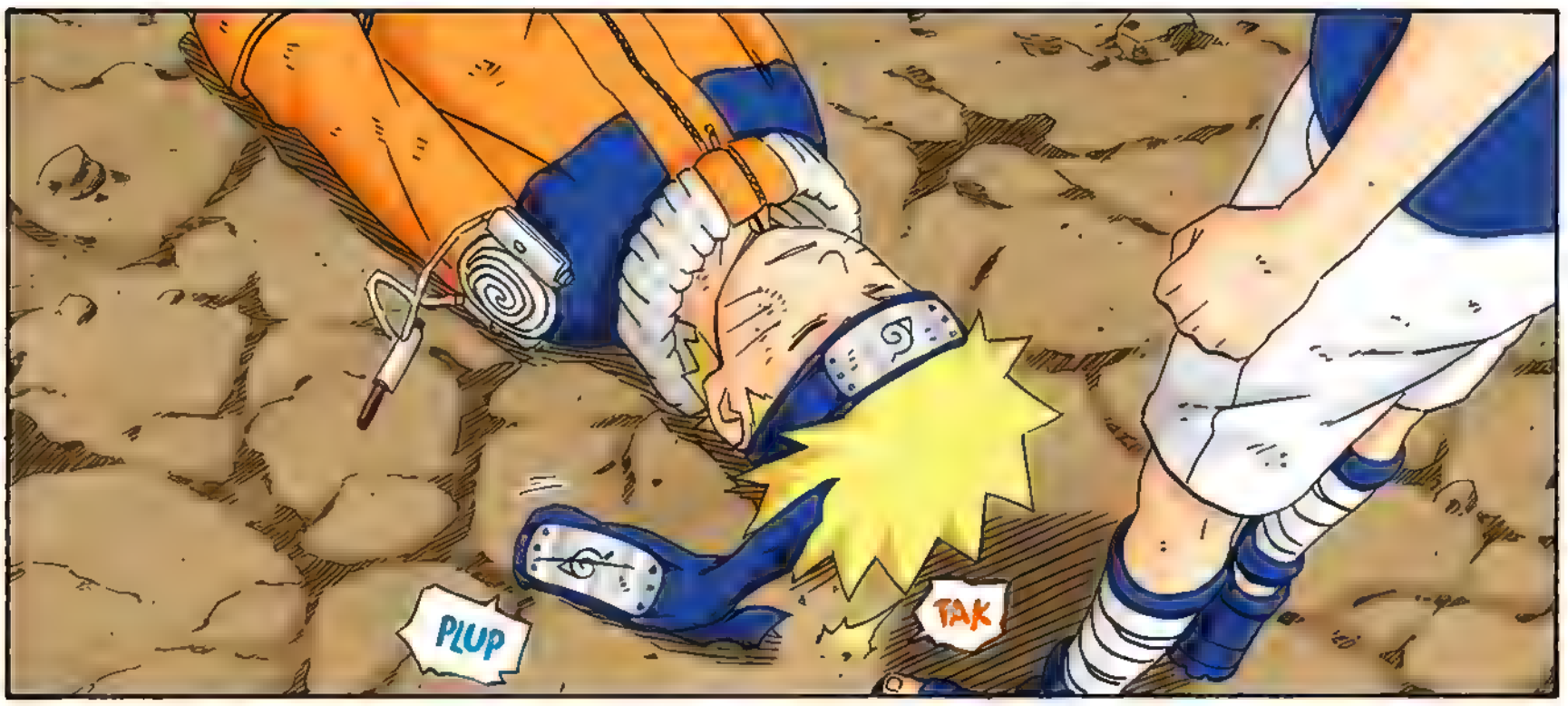


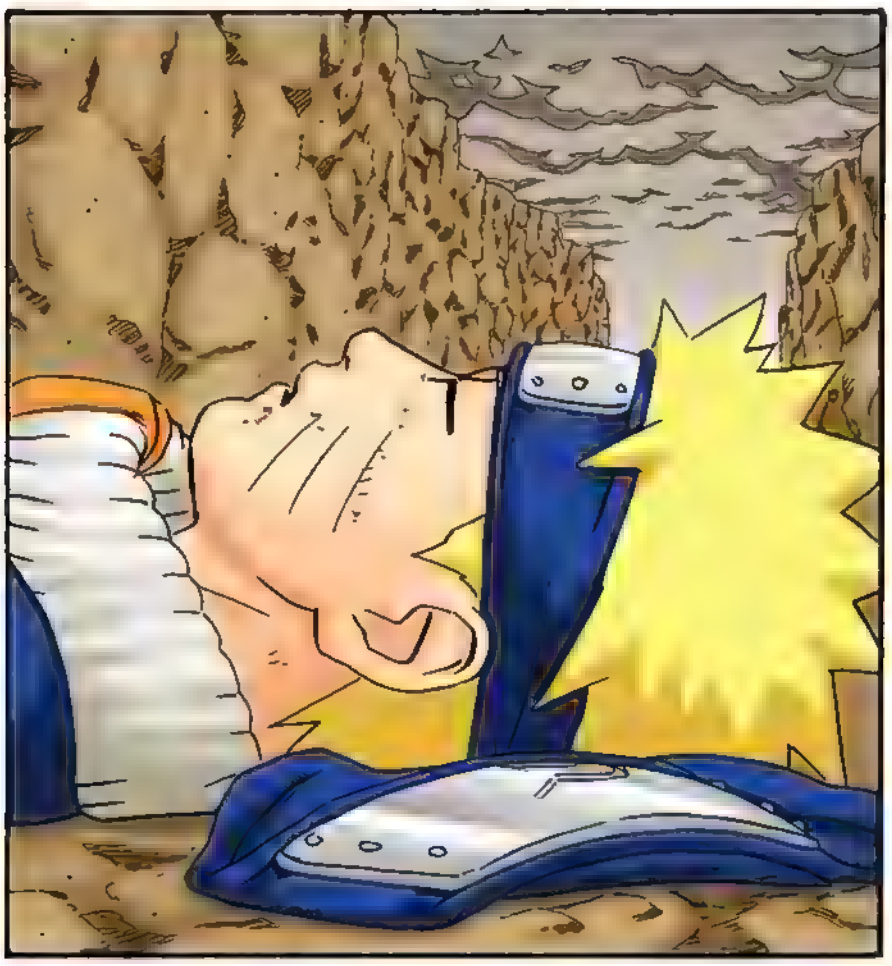


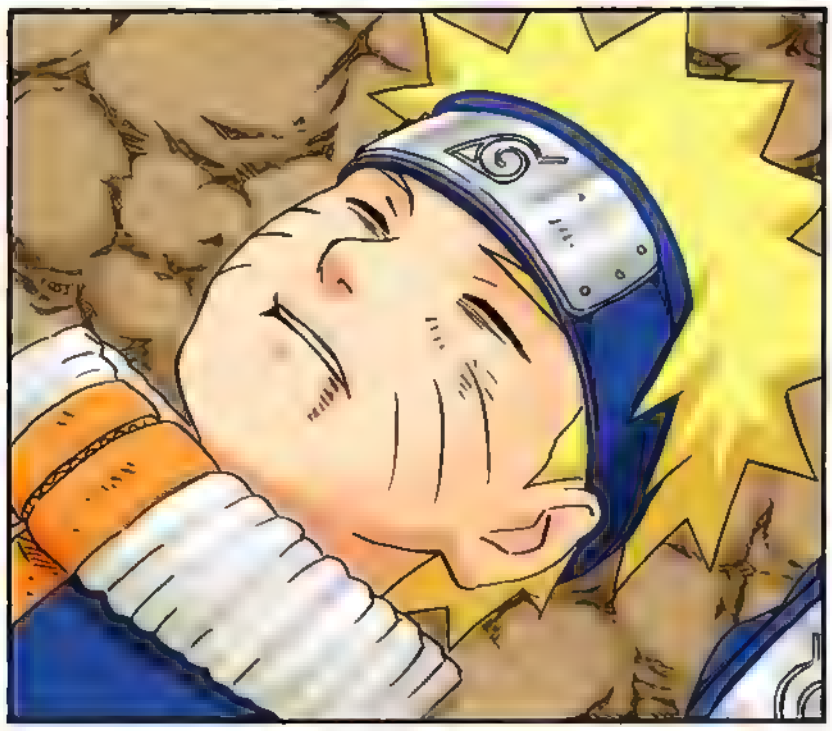



SHUF

*SLIP


PLUP
TAK





NARUTO
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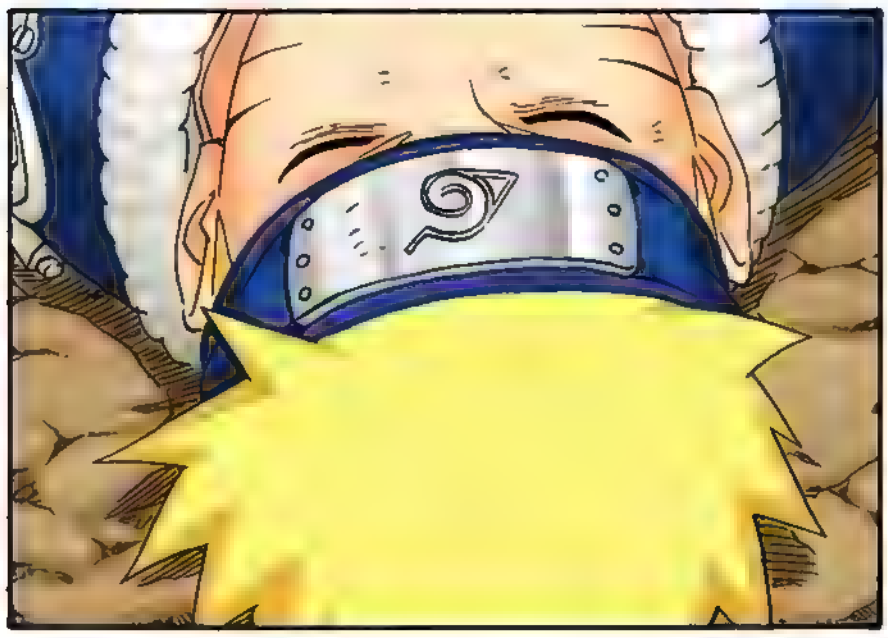

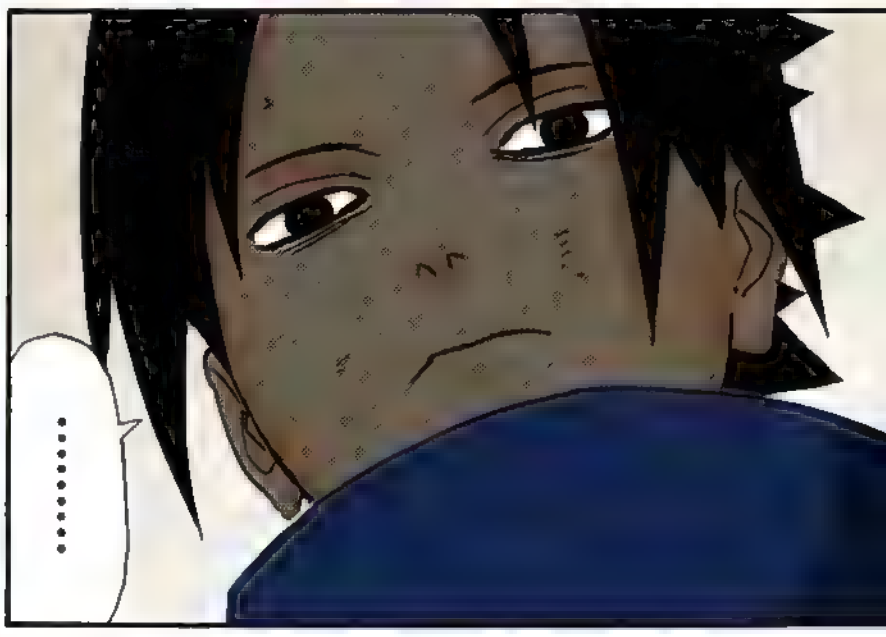
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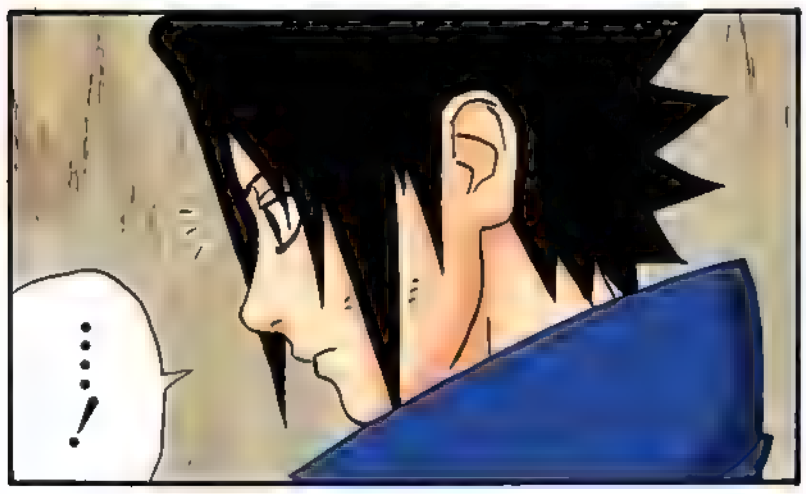
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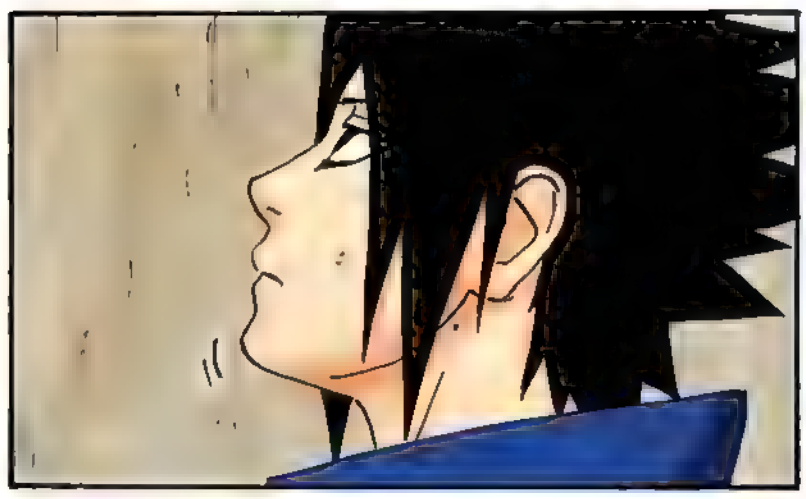

NARUTO...

ポツ
*PLIP
ポツ
*PLIP
ポツ
*PLIP
*PLIP
ポツ
*PLIP
ポツ
*PLIP
ポツ
*PLIP
ポツ
*PLIP
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*PLIP
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*PLIP
ポツ
*PLIP
ポツ

HHPPPPPPP...
*KSHSSSHHHH

HHPPPPPPP.....
*SHSSSHHHH

SKRUNCH

AGH...

KGAAH

*SLUMP

HHPPPP...

*SHSSH

.....

*THOB

*DRUP

*SHSSHHH

HHPPPPPPP...

HH HHH HH

*FWOOOOSSH

REALLY CLOSE...

THIS WAY!

WE'RE OKAY!

CAN YOU STILL HOLD THE SCENT?!

IT'S RAIN-ING...

*TUMP

SPASH

TUP

TUP

TUP

TUP

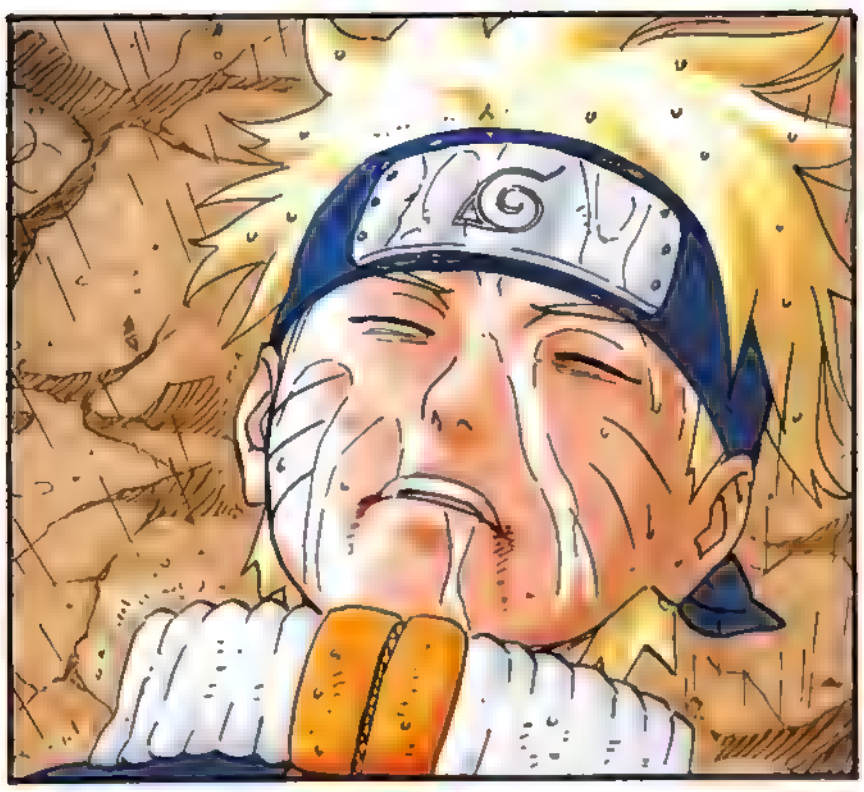
.....

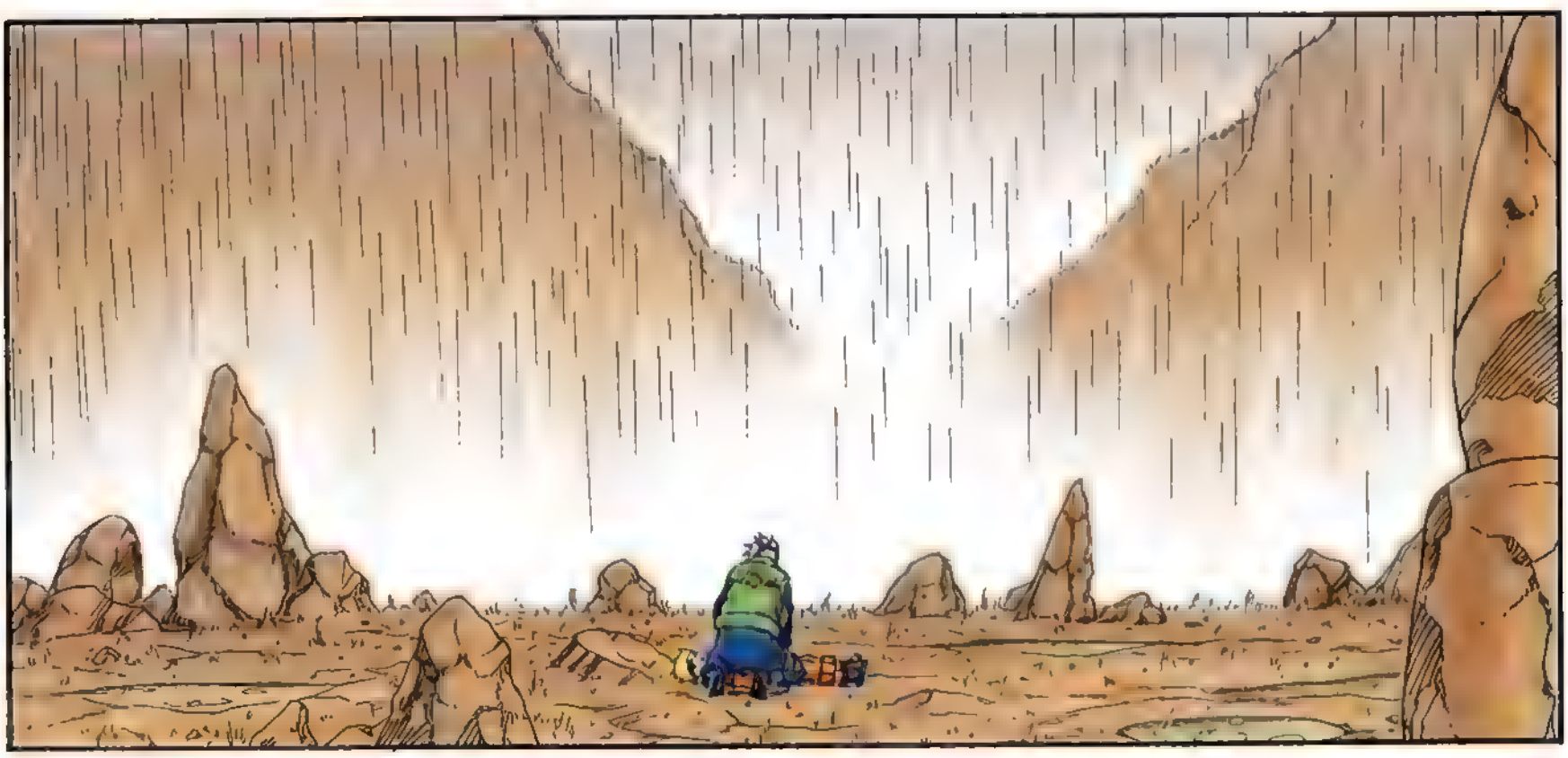
*SHSSHHH

HHPP-----

TOO LATE...

234 : PARTING WAYS...!!





234: PARTING WAYS...

NARUTO
-ナルト-

NARUTO
...

HHPP...

*SHSSHHH

.....

WHY... DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN?

SNFF SNFF

IT'S SASUKE'S.

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SKISH

SHK

*SNFF

I COULDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME I'M SORRY.

*SHSSHHH

HHPPPP...

FUP

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NARUTO.

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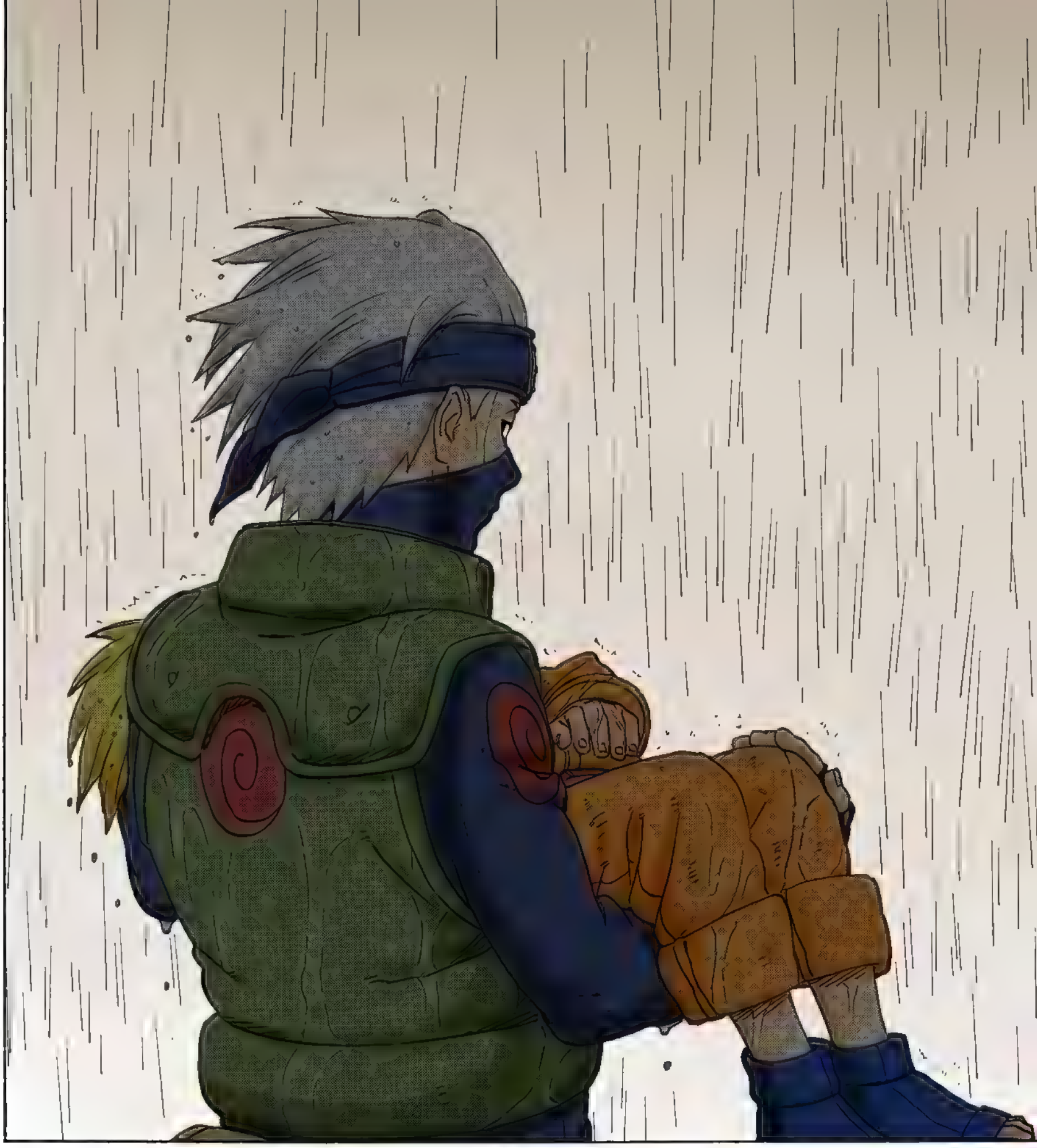
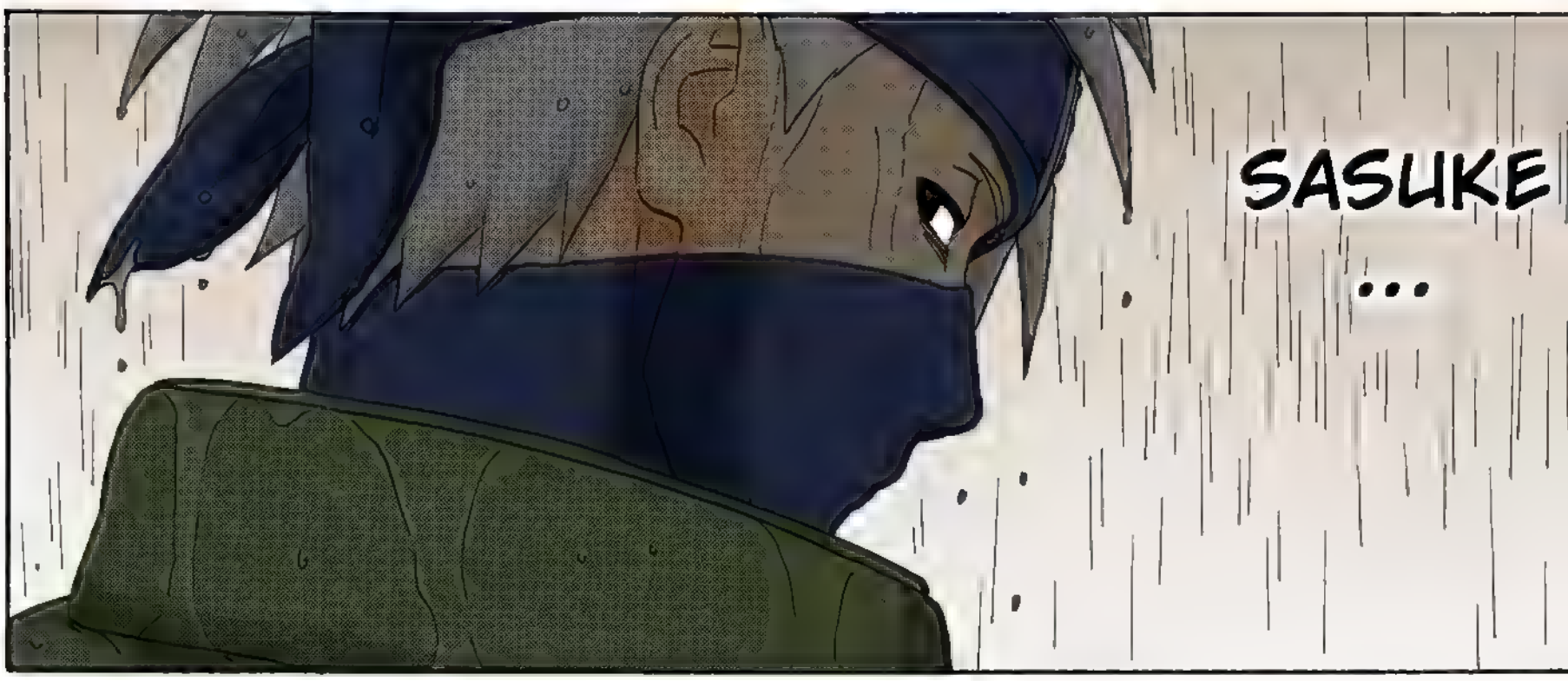
HHSSHSS*!

KNOWING YOU...

YOU REALLY GAVE IT YOUR ALL... DIDN'T YOU.




SASUKE
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HHPPPP*SHSSHHH...

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HH *TAK

WHENEVER WE CHAT...

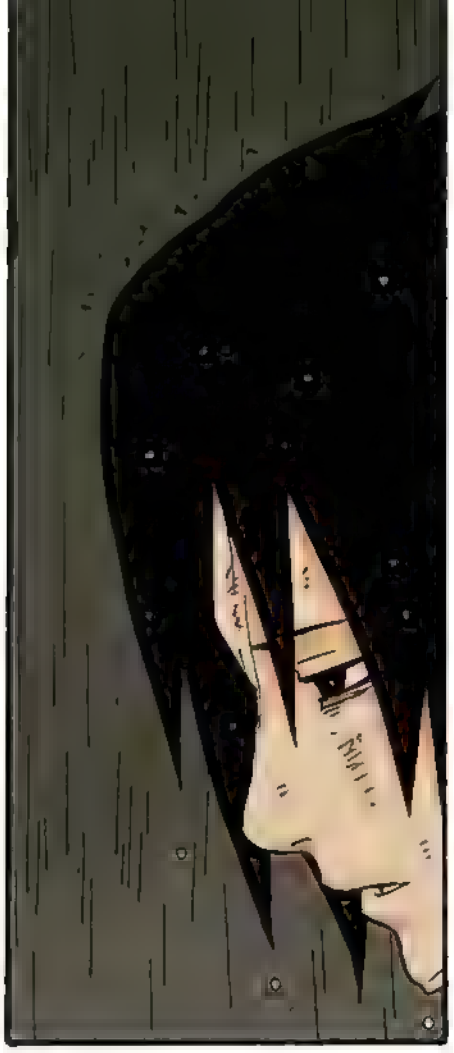
YOU'RE ALL DAD TALKS ABOUT.

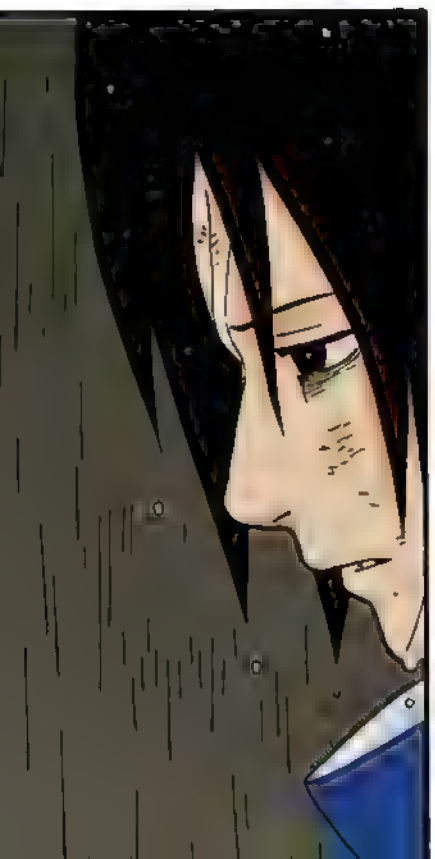
THAT'S MY BOY.

YOU AND ME, WE'RE THE ONLY BROTHERS WE GOT.

I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE AS THE WALL YOU GOTTA CLIMB OVER.

AND IF YOU HATE ME FOR IT... WELL...





BUT THERE'S A CATCH.
LIKE ME, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

...YOUR CLOSEST FRIEND.

YOU HAVE TO KILL...

*SHSSHHH

HHPPPPPPP...

OF COURSE THEY PICKED THIS PLACE...

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*PLISH

*PLISH

THEY SAY THIS RIVER WAS BORN FROM A SCAR...

...LEFT BY A PAIR OF WARRIORS LONG AGO.

YES...

HOW IRONIC.

...THAT THE BATTLE, LIKE IT, WILL NEVER CEASE.

IT'S LIKE IT'S SHOWING ME...

YOU KNOW, WHEN I WATCH THE RIVER FLOW BY...

LIKE THE TWO MEN...

...WHO BUILT KONOHA VILLAGE, WHOSE STATUES LOOM OVER US.

NARUTO AND SASUKE ...

AS LONG AS THEY LIVE, THE CYCLE WILL CONTINUE ...

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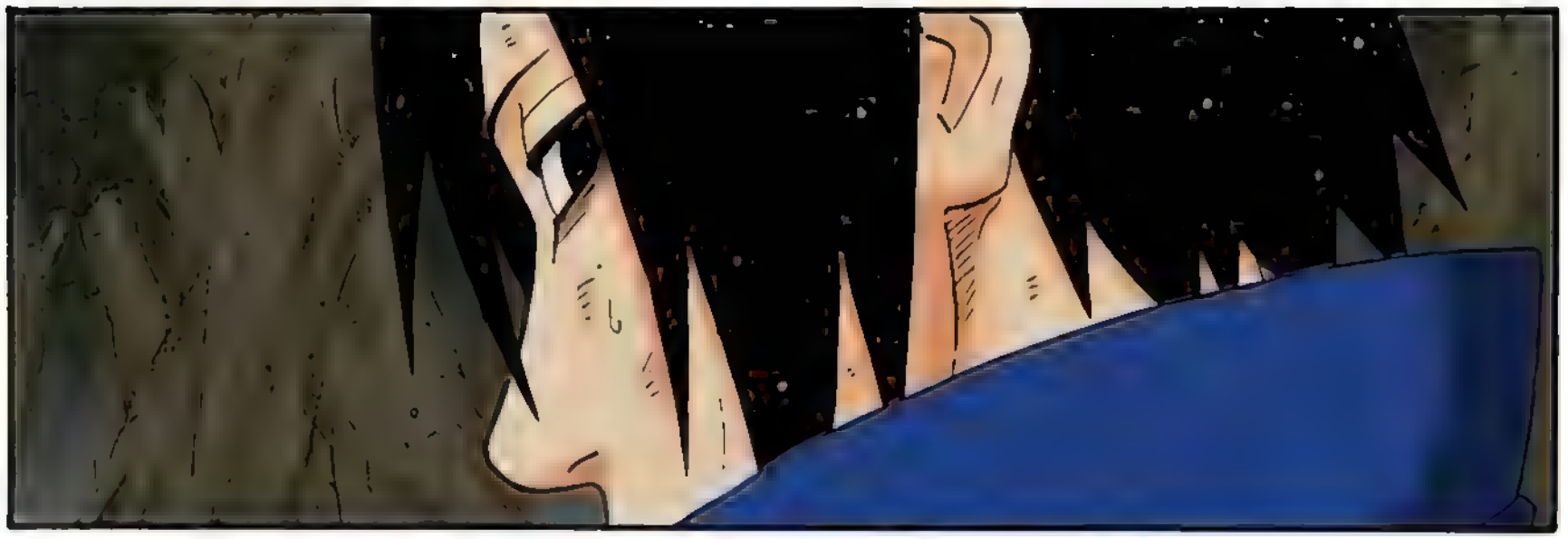

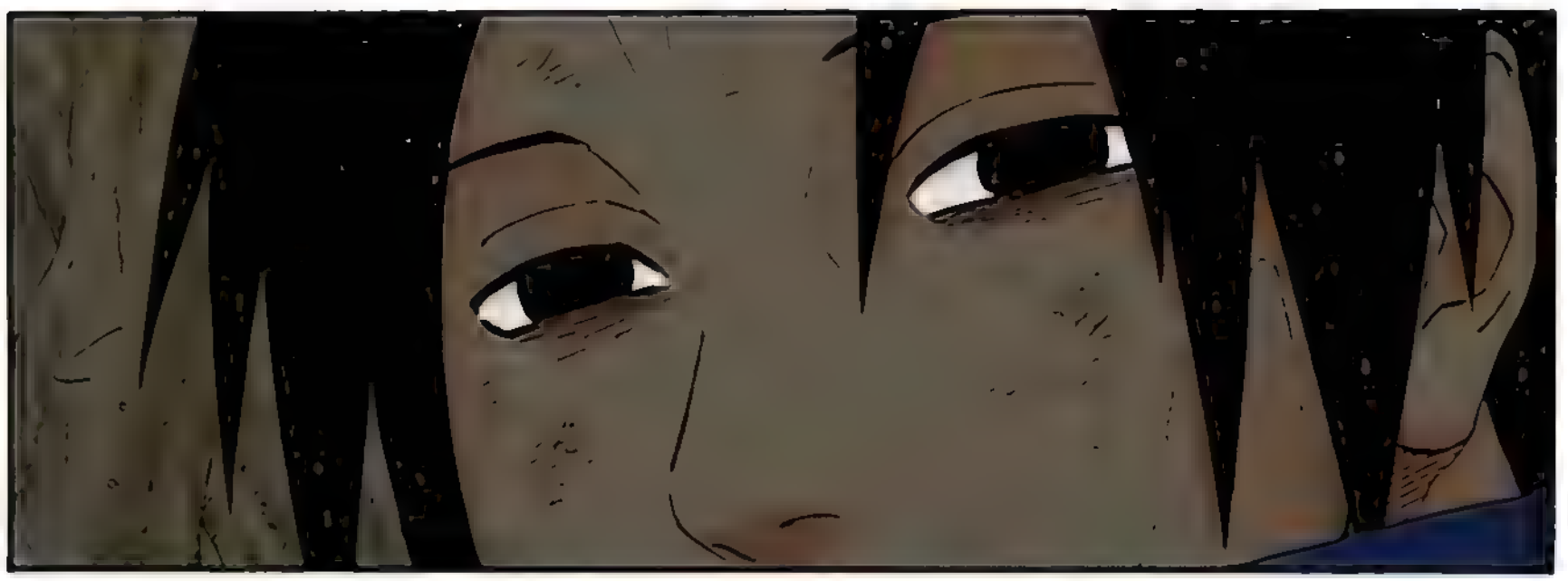

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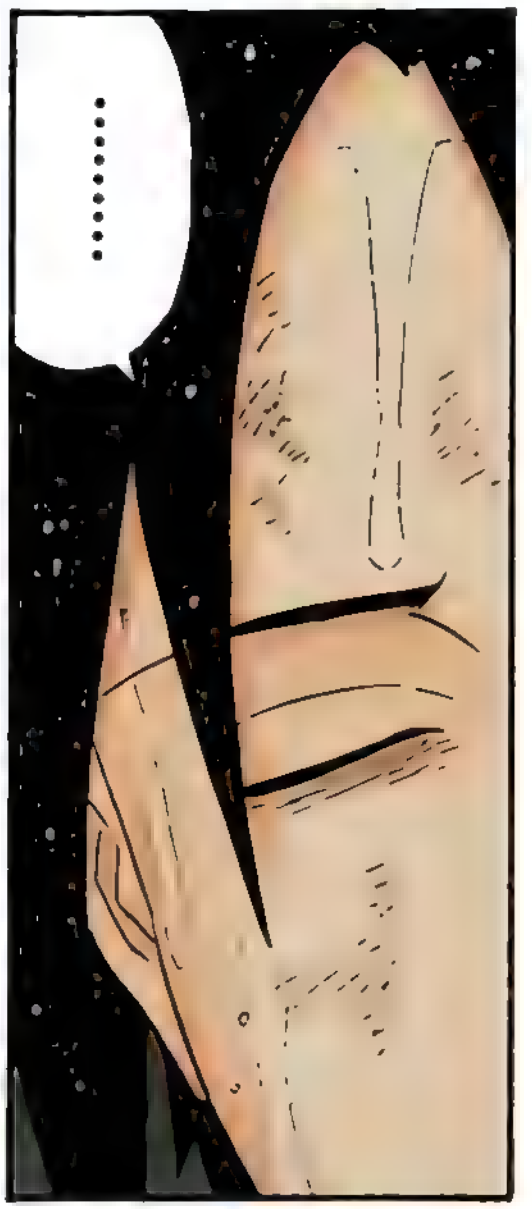
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I WILL NOT LOSE CONTROL TO YOU!

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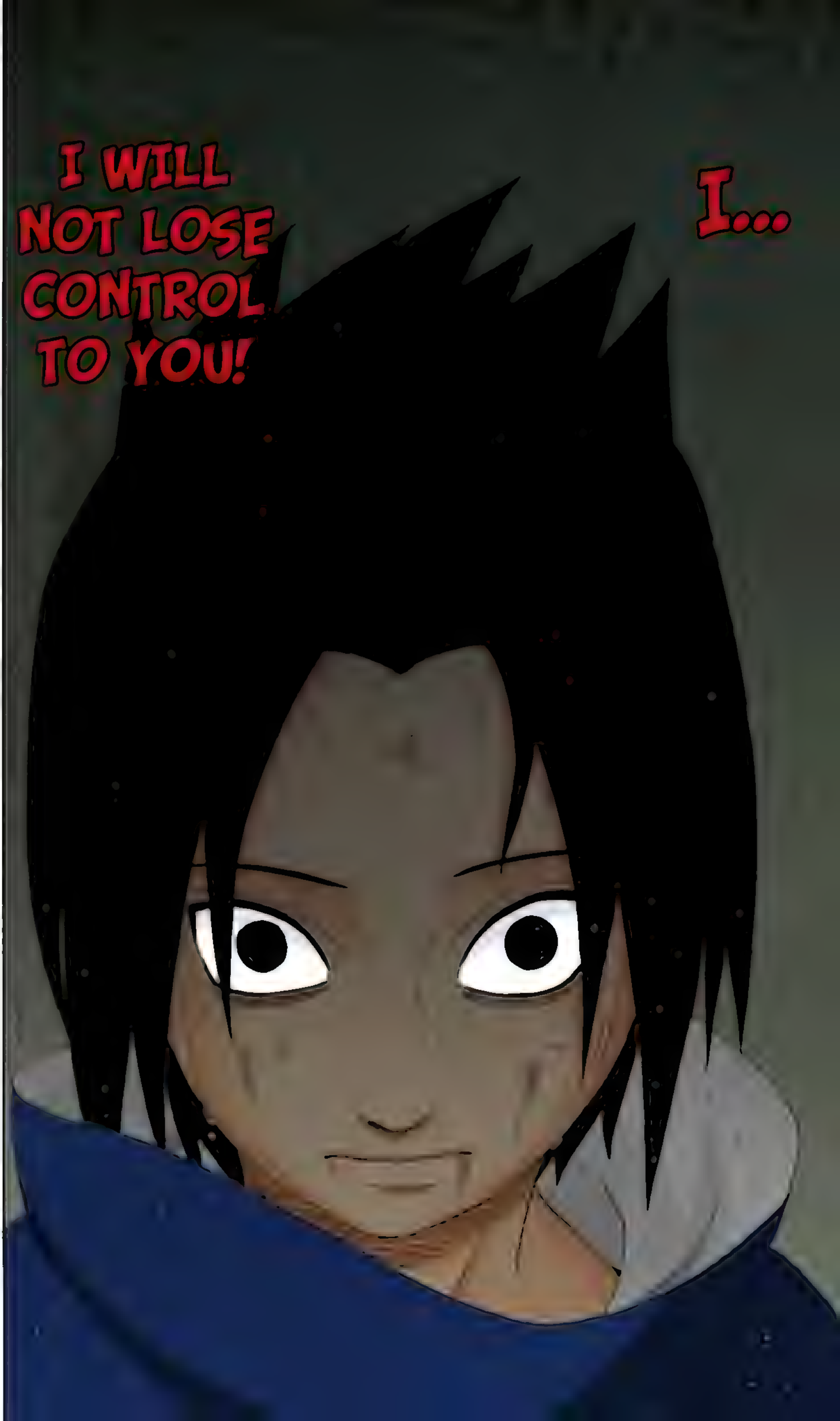

I WILL BE A BETTER MAN THAN YOU!

I'LL FIND MY OWN PATH TO POWER!

I
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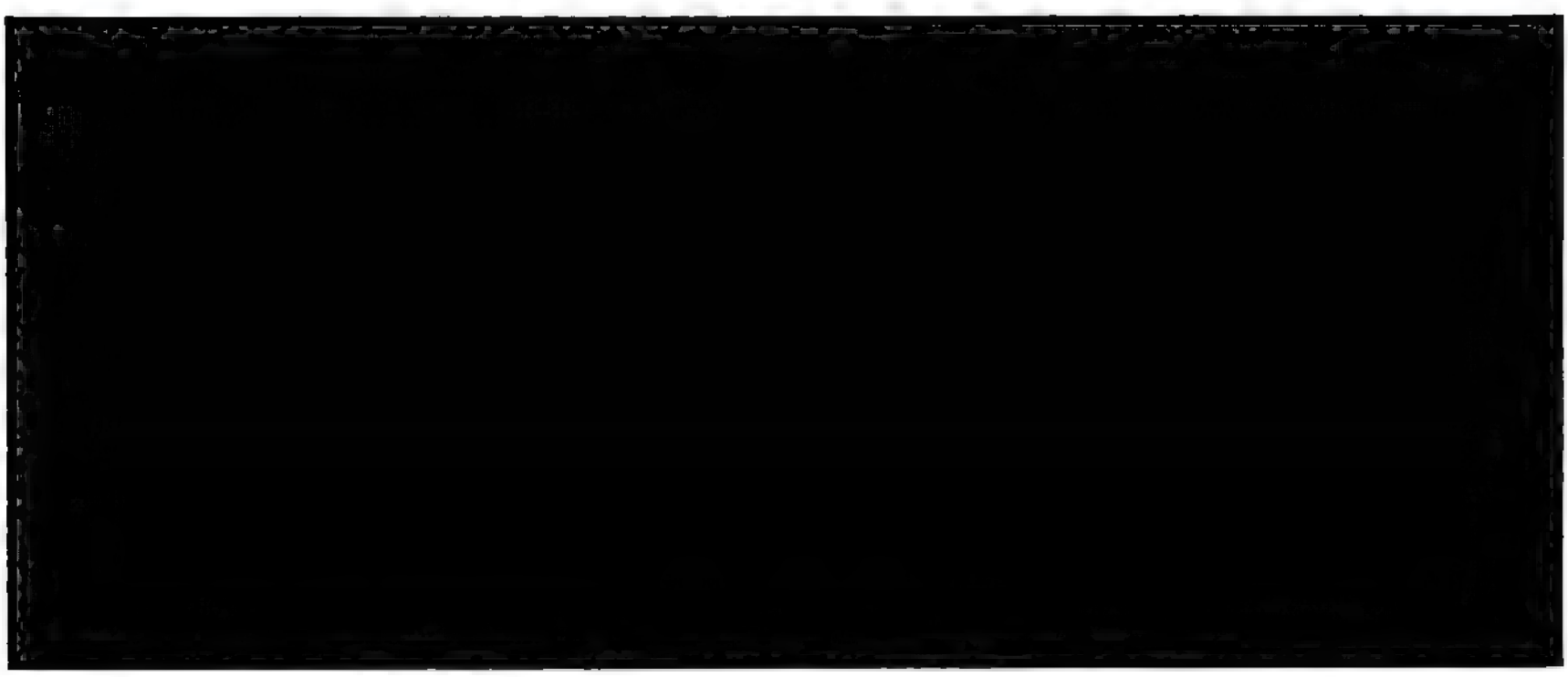

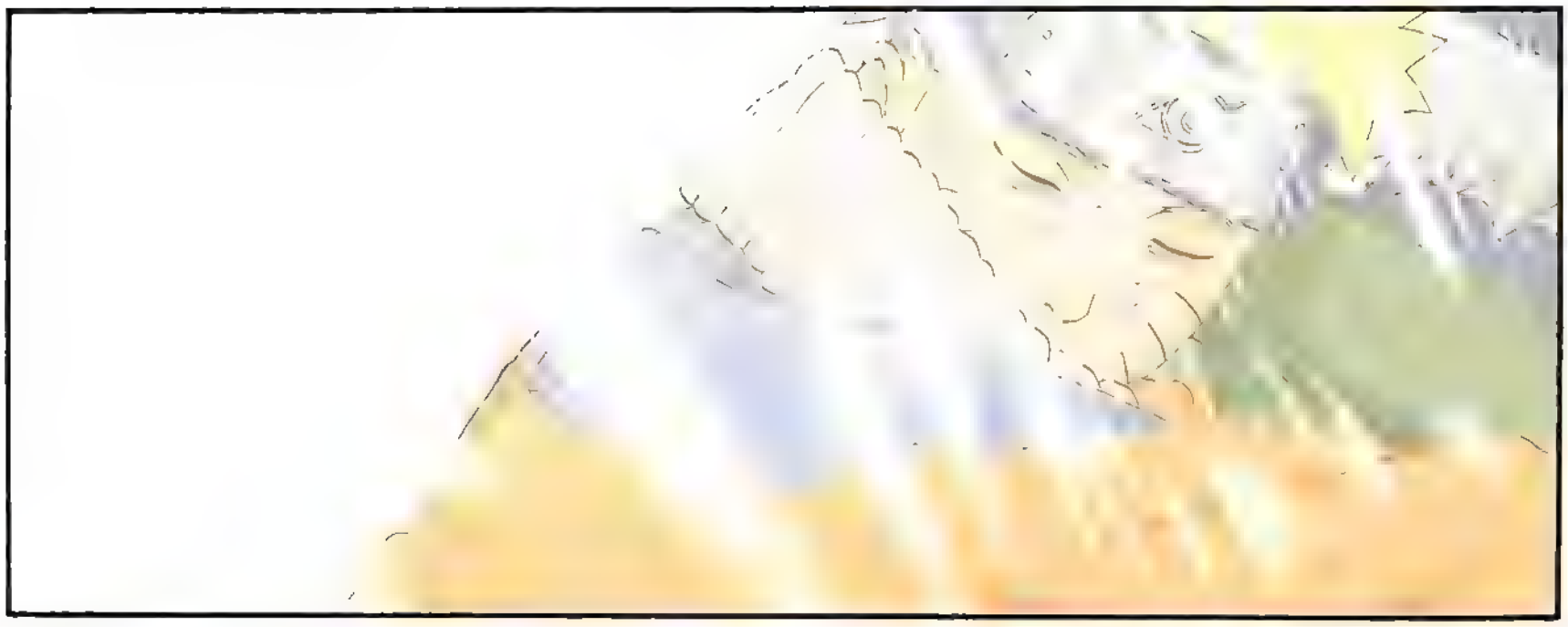

BESIDES, WE'RE BETTER OFF TAKING CARE OF NARUTO THAN CHASING SASUKE.

THE WAY IT'S BEEN POURING, WE CAN'T TRACK HIM NOW. NOT BY SCENT, ANYWAY.

THE RAIN HAS STOPPED.

TIP TIP

YES...

*SHRIK

HMM... THINGS ARE GETTING MUCH MORE INTERESTING, DON'T YOU THINK?

RNNCH

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ZWUR
ZWUR
OH YES, INDEED ...

235: MISSION FAILED...

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KAKASHI-
SENSEI...

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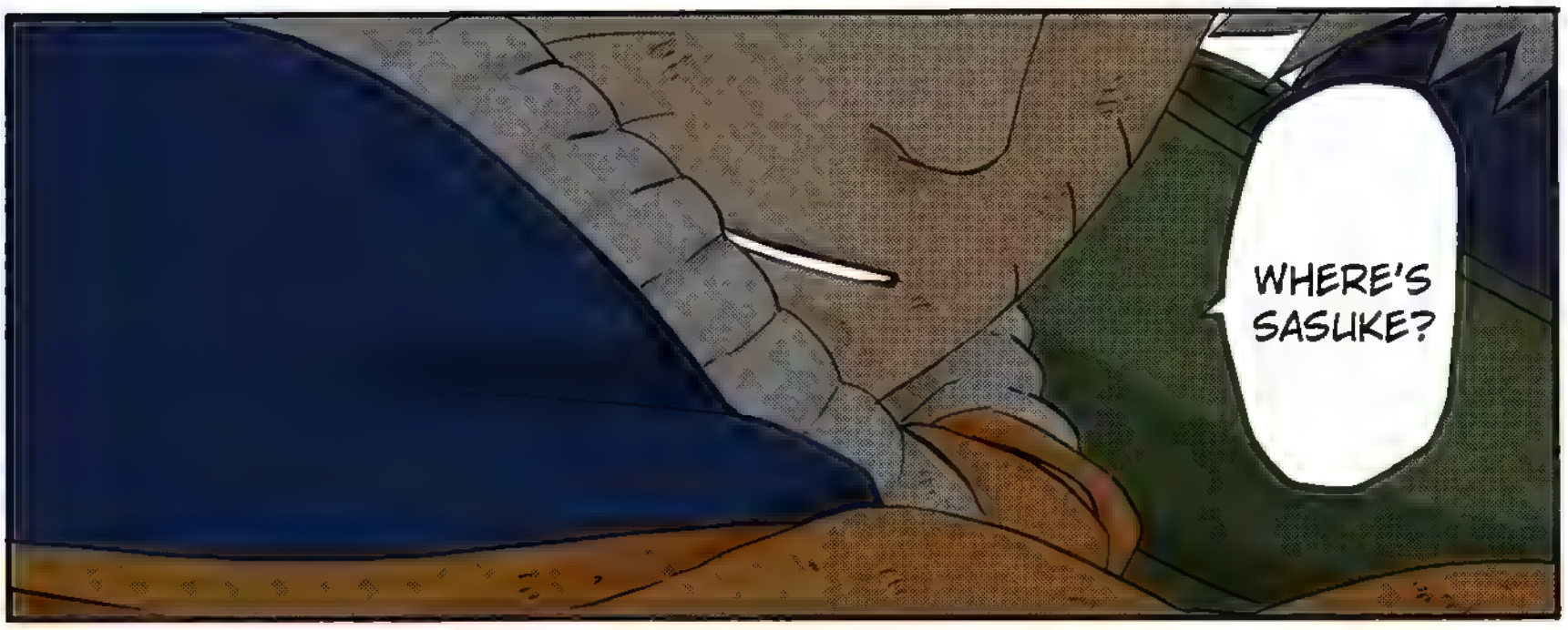
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KAKASHI!

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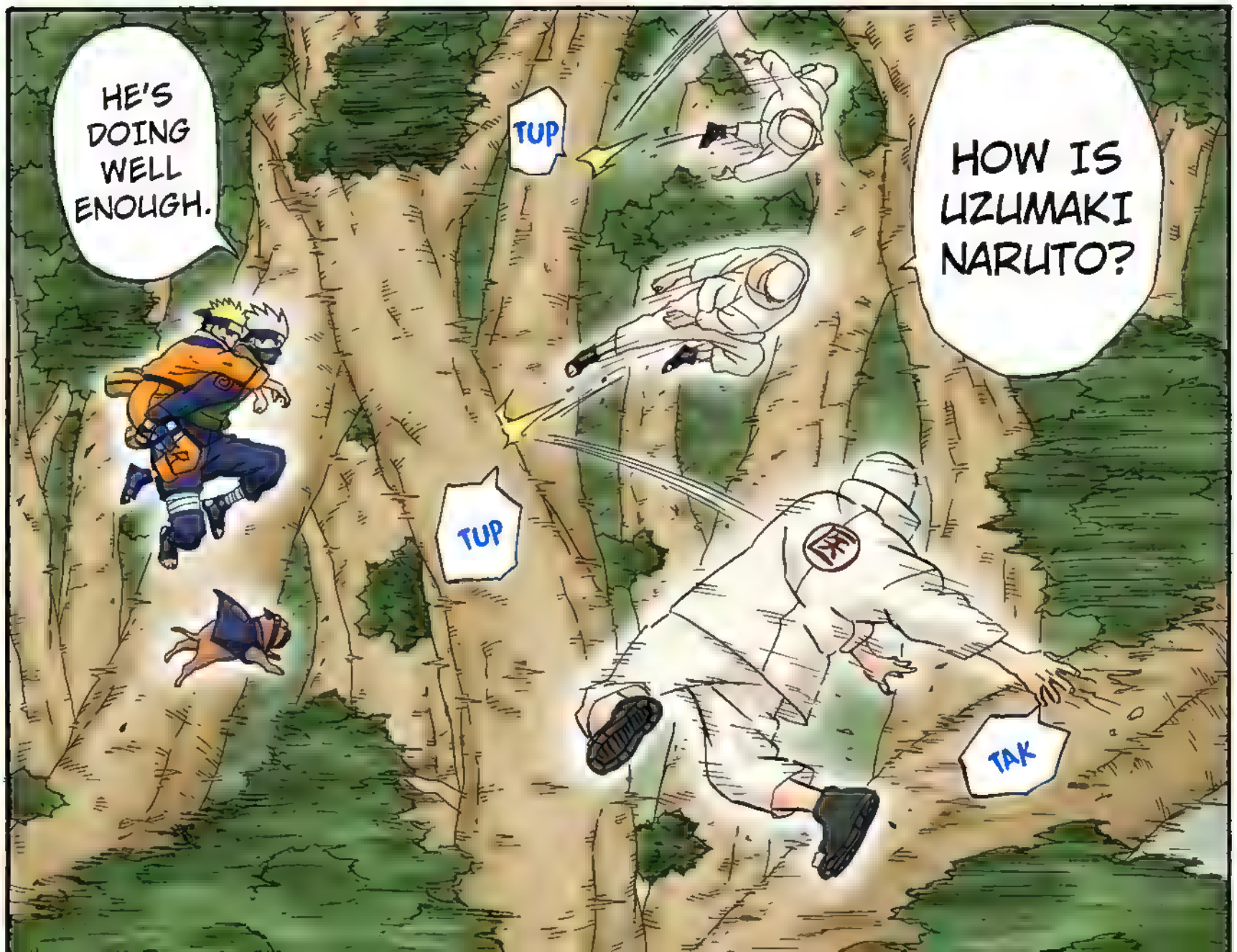
HE'S DOING WELL ENOUGH.
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HOW IS UZUMAKI NARUTO?
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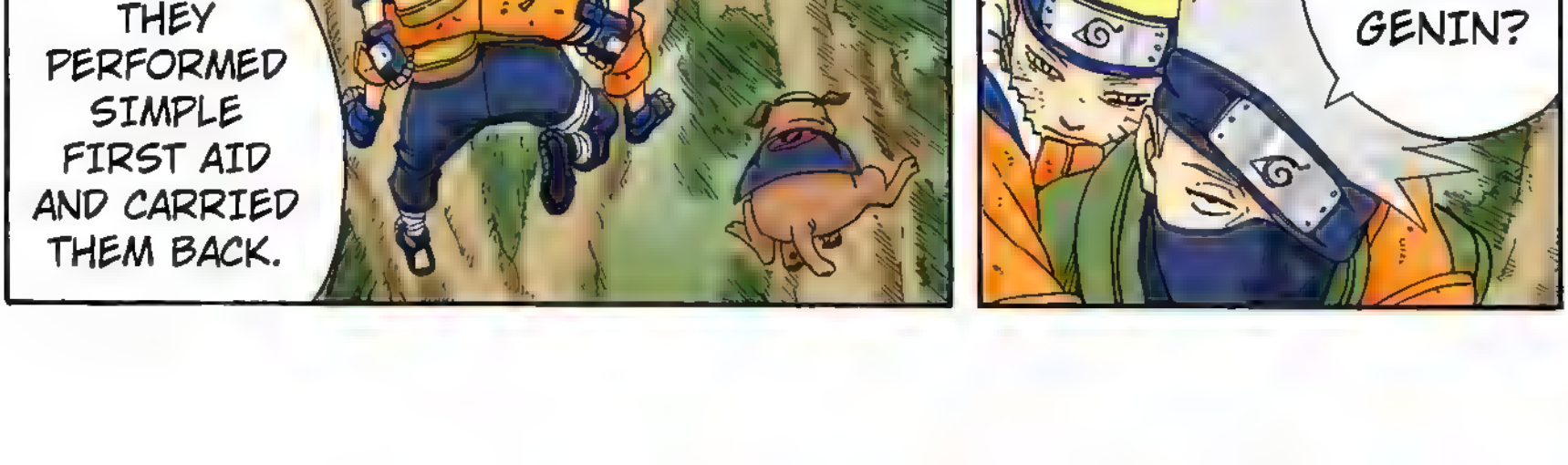
AND SASUKE? WHERE'S UCHIHA SASUKE?!



OH, YES!

THE LADY HOKAGE DISPATCHED MEDICAL CORPS ONE AND TWO.

THEY FOUND THE GENIN IN VARIOUS PLACES, ALL INJURED.

THEY PERFORMED SIMPLE FIRST AID AND CARRIED THEM BACK.

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WHAT OF THE OTHER GENIN?

INUZUKA KIBA TOOK SOME DEEP LACERATIONS ...

BUT HIS LIFE IS IN NO REAL DANGER.

RIGHT! WELL.

NARA SHIKAMARU SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES.

HOW ARE THEY?

THEIR FATES ARE UNKNOWN AT THE MOMENT.

HYUGA NEJI AND AKIMICHI CHOJI ARE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

YOU GUYS...

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THEY'VE PAINSTAKINGLY RESEARCHED THE INGREDIENTS AND EFFECTS OF EACH MEDICINE.

IT'S REMARKABLE.

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CHURK

THE ONE FINAL INGREDIENT IS DEER HORN. CAN YOU GET IT?

YES!

SIS? HOW IS HE?

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SIS... YOU'RE A VETERI-NARIAN... YOU CAN HEAL...

DON'T WORRY. IT WILL TAKE TIME, BUT HE WILL BE PERFECTLY FINE.

HE'S RUPTURED EVERY TENDON IN ALL FOUR LIMBS.

YOU WON'T BE WALKING HIM FOR A WHILE.

REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT ANY BETTER OFF.

AH, OUCH ...

*PHEW

(INTENSIVE CARE WARD, ROOM 7)

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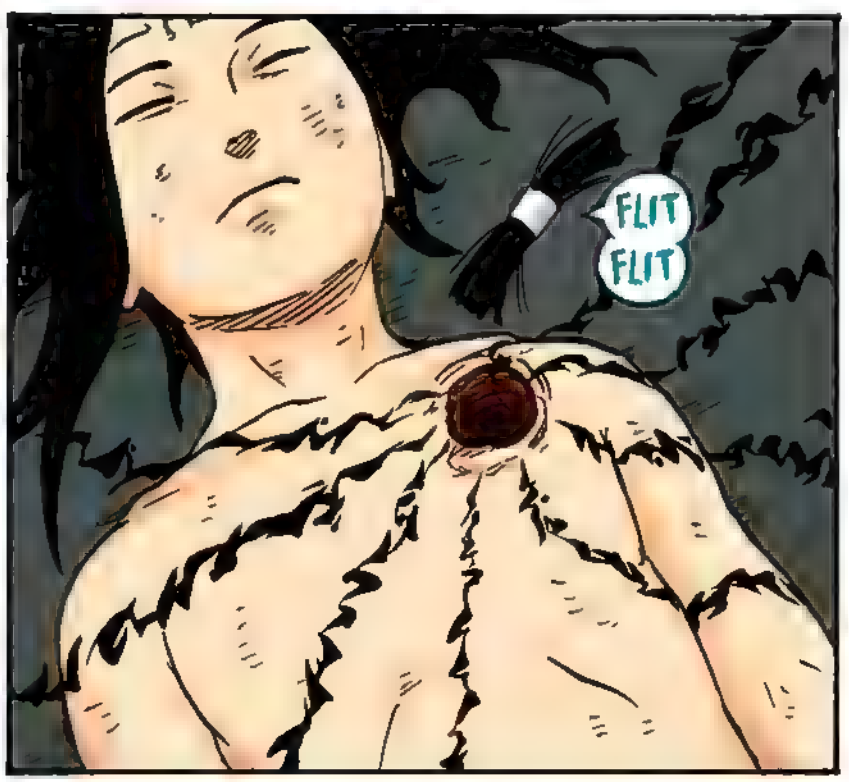

YOU MUST CONTROL YOUR CHAKRA LIKE THE SURGEONS YOU ARE!

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE USING THE BOY'S HAIR AS THE MEDIUM...

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO MESS UP THE CELL BALANCE IN THE LOST TISSUES!

*ZWUR

YES!

NGH...

*ZWUR

*ZWUR

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*TWITCH

イライラ

*FLIP

COME ON. IT DOESN'T HELP ANYONE, WORKING YOURSELF UP.

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YOU'VE HAD PSYCHO-LOGICAL TRAINING!

WITH EVERY MISSION COMES SACRIFICE.

IT HELPED ME REALIZE ...

I... THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I WAS NAMED CELL LEADER

I'VE BEEN ON MISSIONS BEFORE...

I THOUGHT I KNEW WHAT IT WAS TO BE A SHINOBI.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRAINING AND DOING.

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I'M NOT FIT TO BE A SHINOBI.

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ｽｯ *SHFF

YOU CALL YOUR-SELF A MAN?

PSHAW, LOOK AT MISTER DELICATE.

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SO YOU'RE AFRAID OF GETTING HURT?

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AS A CELL LEADER, ALL I COULD DO WAS...

...PUT MY TRUST IN THEM.

I WAS TOO NAIVE... INADEQUATE FOR THE TASK...

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

TEP TEP

*SHFF

SO WHEN A GIRL WHIPS HER TONGUE, YOU TURN TAIL?

HEY, SHIKA-MARU...

OF COURSE ...

BUT YOU'RE NOT MUCH OF A MAN EITHER.

I DON'T HAVE THE ENERGY RIGHT NOW FOR QUARRELING. THAT'S ALL.

I'M NOT A WOMAN, ALL RIGHT?

YOU'RE JUST A COWARD.

THEY'LL BE NO LESS LIKELY TO DIE THEN...

THEY'LL STILL SEND YOUR FRIENDS, JUST UNDER A DIFFERENT LEADER.

IT'S THE WAY THESE THINGS WORK.

WHETHER YOU'RE HERE ON NOT, THE MISSIONS WILL GO ON.

AND SOMEONE HAS TO CARRY THEM OUT.

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YOU MADE IT BACK. REFLECT ON WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME, AND LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE.

THEN YOUR NEXT MISSION WILL BE PERFECT.

YOUR FRIENDS WILL SURVIVE.

BUT MAYBE... IF YOU'RE THEIR LEADER...

THEN, INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY...

IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS ...

...TO IMPROVING YOURSELF.

YOU SHOULD SET YOUR MIND...

ISN'T THAT THE WAY FRIENDS BEHAVE?!

MILKSOP?

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SHK

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*RATTLE

HE'S OKAY NOW.

I THANK YOU, SHIKAKU.

ドサッ

HIS MEDICATION HAD A SIDE EFFECT THAT WAS EATING AWAY AT HIS HEALTHY CELLS...

BUT I FOUND AN ANTIDOTE THAT WORKED.

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TWIK

LADY TSUNADE!!

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THANK YOU. REALLY!

IT TOOK TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO PUT IT TOGETHER.

IT'S THE SWEET FRUIT OF ALL YOUR DAILY LABOR.

THE NARA CLAN'S SACRED MEDICINE GUIDE WAS A BIG HELP.

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HUF

HYUGA NEJI...

HUF

...IS OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE!

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HATAKE KAKASHI AND UZUMAKI NARUTO, THE TWO OF THEM JUST RETURNED A MOMENT AGO.

NARUTO IS INJURED, BUT HIS LIFE IS NOT IN DANGER.

AND... ONE MORE THING.

JUST THE TWO OF THEM?

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IT LOOKS LIKE WE FAILED.

SHIKAMARU ...

I CAN'T ASK FOR MORE.

AND YET... YOU ALL SURVIVED.

NEXT TIME...

THE MISSION WILL BE PERFECT! I SWEAR IT!